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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

One looks for a theme when doing the Annual although my own avowed intent is to keep it as Canadian as possible. Not that I want Canada or myself to be isolationist. I know we certainly cannot exist in a vacuum but there are so many books, magazines, and other publications available here in Canada that talk about roses in other parts of the world often with no reference at all to things Canadian so it seems absolutely necessary for the Canadian Rose Society's *Annual* to trumpet our achievements and address our needs.

We have, therefore, once again gathered a group of Canadian writers and rosarians together to talk about ourselves. There is a new rose society in Saskatchewan, where many in the of the rest of Canada think only wheat and canola can grow and then only with great difficulty. But Brian Porter has written an optimistic and useful overview of people who grow tender roses like Hybrid Teas year after year with considerable success. George Shewchuk showed the way in Edmonton and reported in the 1996 *Annual* on the large number of Hybrid Teas that had flourished in his garden for more than twenty years.

After seeing an article in the *Globe & Mail* on the new rose garden at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, I was determined to use it as a theme for this year's *Annual* and to include other articles on the roses themselves and perhaps information on other public rose gardens. The Ottawa garden was to open in June so the timing seemed excellent; a call to Marlene Orton, who had written the original article, elicited the promise that as soon as the garden was officially opened she would not only write about it but would provide pictures as well. But June came and went and visitors to Ottawa told me that the garden was still just a big hole. Another call to Marlene indicated the opening was now scheduled for August and she would forward her article then. But it was not to be; the garden is now expected to be officially opened in September, so what we have is a progress report. The joys of being an editor!!

The weather remains a topic of great interest to all Canadians. As I write this, it is July in Toronto and we have heat and humidity that is doing its best to break all previous records. This has lead to an outbreak of spider mites and mildew in my garden that is copied in many others. It has left many of my roses either naked or clothed in white fur, neither of which is usually considered to be the sign of a well kept garden. The West Coast is chilly, as is Alberta; Manitoba is drenched; I have not heard of anything too unusual on the East Coast though they are apparently enjoying a warm and

fog-free summer.

According to everyone who comments on the *Annual*, Audrey Brisbane's Clearing House is the first read and most often re-read part. Audrey keeps on saying that she is nothing without the help of members who report and asks for more people to do so. As one who does, let me tell you it is a fun part of growing roses and almost more educational to oneself than to anyone reading it. Audrey will be delighted to send you the necessary forms and even more delighted to use your comments. Do it now! See The Clearing House for her address. Those of you in the more difficult parts of the country are especially wanted and needed.

I wrote that about Audrey last year and I am not going to change a word but I am going to add a small story about Audrey and me. Last year, I had terrible trouble getting Audrey's Clearing House off its diskette and into the *Annual*. Nobody's fault; the people who invent technology assume that the rest of us should know it as well as they and that we are unadaptable old fuddy-duddies when we don't. This year Audrey sent it by e-mail; the Clearing House was in the *Annual* in less than ten minutes after I received the e-mail. Not bad for a couple of "old girls".

We have another new list to add to the *Annual*. After much consideration the Board of Directors have created Rose Consultants and there are now seventy-three across the country eager and willing to help you grow better roses .

We aim for total accuracy, and we try to be consistent in grammar, punctuation and spelling. In addition to our cherished Dobson's *Combined Rose List* which we regularly consult for accuracy in description and spelling of roses where needed, we are now consulting *The Canadian Oxford Dictionary* for correct Canadian usage and spelling.

There would be no *Annual* without the cooperation and hard work of those who write the articles and so, on behalf of all the readers, our heartfelt thanks. To my proofreaders, Richard Chambers, Judith Roback, Phil Webster, Ethel Freeman and Anne Graber, who keep me accurate and correct in all things, many thanks. To Steve Bass, the printer, who makes all of us look professional, a deep and sincere bow.

I hope our joint efforts please you, improve your roses and your garden and fill your dreams with the splendours of next summer's roses.

Doreen Stanton

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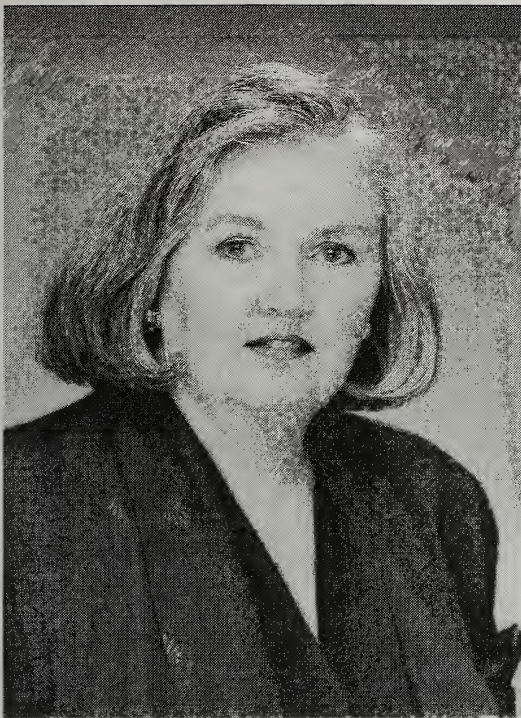
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Chambers Iris	R.R. 2, Box 5, Jeddore, Oyster Ponds, N.S. B0J 1W0	902-889-9275
Chambers Richard W.	157 Pinewood Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6C 2V6	416-653-9654
Clarke Barbara	476 Martingrove Road, Etobicoke, Ont. M9B 4M4	416-622-6422
Cooper Janeth	70 Plateau Crescent, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1M8	416-444-6882
Creighton Denis	3 Naylor Street, Maple, Ont. L6A 1R8	905-832-1101
Dobell Joan E.	10675 Madrona Dr., North Saanich, B.C. V8L 5L8	250-656-8666
Downing Wendy	180 Dalewood Cres. Hamilton, Ont. L8S 4C1	905-528-7441
Finch Claire	21 Ashall Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M4B 3C2	416-755-9735
Flood Rachel	R.R. #3, 155 Edgill Dr., Kitchener, Ont. N2G 3W6	519-653-9505
Freeman Ethel	15 Chiltern Hill Road, Toronto, Ont. M6C 3B4	416-787-4451
Gibson Jean	92 Collete Cres., Barrie, Ont. L4M 2Z4	705-722-6685
Graber Paul & Anne	10 Fairfax Cres., Scarborough, Ont. M1L 1Z8	416-757-8809
Hay Jean T.	466 Knight Terrace, Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 1G2	250-752-2172
Heaslip Viola	1025 Greenridge Cres., Victoria B.C. V8X 3B8	250-479-6563
Jalbert Brad	Select Roses, 22771 38 Ave., Langley, B.C. V2Z 2G9	604-530-5786
Kennedy Denise G.	P.O. Box 1463, Stouffville, Ont., L4A 8A3	905-642-2627

Laberge Claire	4847 Des Érables, Montreal, Que. H2H 2E3	514-524-1652
Lamrock Cecil	46 Marrakesh Dr., Agincourt, Ont. M1S 3W8	416-292-0321
Lee Len	461 Gowland Cres., Milton, Ont. L9T 4G6	905-878-4085
Linton Ross B.	Unit 502, 1 Royal Orchard Blvd., Thornhill, Ont. L3T 3C1	416-327-5492
Litvaniks Dion	1086 Chapman Rd., R.R. #1, Cobble Hill, B.C. V0R 1L0	250-743-3979
Lougheed Larry	19 Sundance Cres., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 2M1	416-439-7494
Lyll Fred M.	#4-4209-25th St., Vernon B.C. V1T 4S2	250-542-7399
Mackay Norman A.	324 Newbold Court, Burlington, Ont. L7R 2Y6	905-637-6401
Martin Serge C.	276 Boul. Bourgeois, Napierville, Que. J0J 1L0	450-245-3917
McDonald Lucille	3311 Pine Grove Rd., Seeley's Bay, Ont K0H 2N0	613-382-2333
McGinn J. Brendon	78 Edinburgh Drive, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 3G4	902-894-7109
McLean Dr. Donald M.	6-5885 Yew St., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3Y5	604-263-9076
McLean John	57 Rangeley Drive, Scarborough, Ont. M1B 5L4	416-724-5349
McQuay Donna	R.R.1 Shanty Bay, Ont. L0L 2L0	705-487-2113
Meiklejohn Audrey	545 Morning Road, R.R. 2, Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 4V9	905-853-8910
Mills Susan	1283 Haywood Ave., West Vancouver B.C. V7T 1V2	604-922-3364
Nason Robert & Mary	65 Union Blvd., St. Lambert, Que. J4R 2M4	450-672-1893
Osborne Robert	Corn Hill Nursery, R.R.5, #890 Petitcodiac, N.B. E0A 2H0	506-756-3635
Ouelette Eileen M.	19 Bras D'or Ave., Pointe Claire, Que. H9R 1W5	514-695-4796

Owens Ken & Ann	1-50410 Range Road 275 Stony Plain, Alta. T7Z 1Z8	403-963-7489
Pagowski George	Box 399 Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3H8	905-527-1158
Pearson Marie	3272 Valmarie Ave., Mississauga, Ont. L5C 2A8	905-275-7089
Raven Stephen	8 Escalier Place, St. Albert, Alta. T8N 5T1	780-458-5390
Scherrer James	9 Blueay Road, Elmira, Ont. N3B 1H9	519-669-5967
Schleicher Elizabeth	2369 Duncaster Drive, Burlington, Ont. L7P 3V9	905-335-9399
Semeniuk Bonnie	R.R. # 7, S-8A, C-D1, Vernon, B.C. V1T 7Z3	250-558-0150
Semsch Monica	1700 Enderby Ave., Tsawwassen, B.C. V4L 1T1	604-943-5426
Shack Jean	335 Beachwood Ave., London, Ont. N6J 3J6	519-472-7853
Shewchuk George W.	10231 Fulton Rd., Edmonton, Alta. T6A 3T5	403-466-8852
Stafford E.G. "Ted"	4013 Kilmer Dr., Unit 111, Burlington, Ont. L7M 4M3	905-331-8073
Stanton Doreen	172 Maplehurst Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 3B9	416-229-0656
Twigg Michael S.	4216 Bath Rd., Kingston, Ont. K7M 4Y7	613-389-5802
Veffer Louise	21 Lescon Rd., Willowdale, Ont. M2J 2G7	416-493-1645
Wade Gerry & Kathy	205 Cherry Court, Barrie, Ont. L4N 4A5	705-722-6163
Webster Philip G.	4 Cowley Ave., Etobicoke, Ont M9B 2E1	416-233-7831
White Dr. Patrick	3065 Uplands Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8R 6B3	250-592-6640
Wood Janet A.	7084 Blenheim St., Vancouver, B.C. V6N 1R9	604-263-8700
Yeomans C. Denis	4475 Stonehaven Ave., North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 1E7	604-929-6166



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the annual meeting in March of this year, I had the honour of being re-elected as President of the Society. It has been a busy year for the Society and our affiliates.

In the past few months, I have had the pleasure of being involved in the National Show which was hosted by the Hamilton and Burlington Rose Society and held at Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington and the C.R.S. All Miniature Rose Show at Sherway Gardens in Etobicoke. A report on the National Show will be found elsewhere in the *Annual*. At these events, we had many opportunities to answer questions about the Society and about the care and cultivation of roses. Jean Gibson, our newest Board member, jumped right in and was of tremendous help with the Miniature Rose Show. In August, we will again participate in the Canadian National Exhibition's rose show.

I know many of the affiliate societies have had successful rose shows and hope that they have all provided reports to our Editor for publication in the *Rosarian*. As you know, Ron Capon has resigned as our Editor due to increasing personal commitments (among other things). Our appreciation goes out to him for his many hours work on behalf of the Society in putting out a publication to be proud of—thanks, Ron.

We welcome Ron Bishop as the new Editor of the *Canadian Rosarian*.

I would like to welcome Ralph Bullough, our newest Regional Director from Thunder Bay, Ontario. Our regional directors have been busy selling the benefits of membership in the C.R.S. whenever the opportunity presents itself. For all of you who have contributed to making these events happen, a sincere thanks.

I am pleased to report that we have now received and processed applications for Rose Consultants and, at the time of writing, the Society has seventy-three people who have been appointed to this position. A list of persons holding this designation is found elsewhere in the *Annual*. If you are interested in further information about becoming a Rose Consultant, please contact your local Regional Director, or the members of the Rose Consultants Committee through our Secretary, Anne Graber.

Plans have been ongoing for some time for the 5th Annual Goulding Lecture, this year to be held at the Civic Garden Centre in Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, September 26, 1999. Clair Martin from the Huntington Botanic Garden in California is our speaker. It is sure to be an interesting and informative talk and I hope that all of you who are able will attend.

Jim Anderson, our Judges' Chair, has organized a refresher course for Canadian Rose Society Accredited Judges to be held in September and I would like to thank him on behalf of all of us who are able to attend. It is very important that our judges keep up to date so that we may do our best when out in the field. Jim was also involved, along with Claire Finch, Denis Creighton, George Pagowski, and Barbara Clarke, in the judging school session for judges of horticulture held in July at Royal Botanical Gardens. Our thanks go to them for so ably representing the Society.

Plans are well underway for the Year 2000 National Show to be held in Quebec. More information will be available in upcoming issues of the *Rosarian*. I look forward to seeing many of you there! I hope all of you have enjoyed a successful gardening year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members who have all contributed so much to make my job easier and to all of the volunteers who have made the Society's events successful. I would also like to thank all of you for your good wishes and hard work in keeping your society alive and well.

With best wishes for the upcoming year,

Wendy Downing ,President

IN MEMORIAM

Herb Pickett

From Marlene VanHove (Herb's daughter)

My father was Herb Pickett of Melita, Manitoba. Dad passed away January 19, 1999 at the age of 87. He had a real love for gardening but roses were his real love. On February 28th Dad was to receive the William Kozyra Shield for best home grounds in an urban centre, population to 1200, from Manitoba Good Roads. My husband and I received it on behalf of Dad. His yard was a real attraction and had many visitors over the years.

From Bill Gray

Herb was a dedicated gardener with over half an acre, 72% of which was devoted to flowers and some vegetables. It was a prize winning garden and tourist attraction with everything set out in park fashion and carefully named. His garage and patio were used as greenhouses and he started many of the plants himself. He was a quiet man with a lovely wife who worked side by side with him in the garden. Herb encouraged his neighbours to improve their gardens and gave helpful advice and talks to local horticultural societies. He attended Manitoba Horticultural Association annual conventions for many years.

From the Editor

Herb Pickett was a Demonstration Gardener of long standing and a regular contributor to Audrey Brisbane's Clearing House. He frequently responded to my letters to Demonstration Gardeners and his letters were both endearing and interesting. His love of the rose was quite wonderful and his love of neighbours and fellow gardeners very special.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ROSE SOCIETY

held on Sunday, March 28, 1999 at the

Civic Garden Centre, Toronto

There being a quorum of twenty-five members present, Wendy Downing, President, brought the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone including our visitors.

Barbara Clarke moved and Elizabeth Schleicher seconded the motion that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 29, 1998, be accepted as printed in the *1998 Annual*. Closed.

Wendy Downing announced the President's Report would not be read at this time. There are copies available for anyone who wants to read it and it will be printed in the *1999 Annual*.

Geoffrey Cook, Treasurer, gave the following Treasurer's Report. Geoffrey Cook moved and Keith Spencer seconded the motion that this report be accepted as presented. Carried. Paul Graber moved and Ethel Freeman seconded the motion that Paul Smith be re-appointed as our auditor for 1999. Carried.

Barbara Clarke, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Past President moved the following nominations for a one year term to the Board of Directors:

Ron Capon	Richard Chambers
Barbara Clarke	Geoffrey Cook
Wendy Downing	Ethel Freeman
Paul Graber	Denise Kennedy
John McLean	George Pagowski
Elizabeth Schleicher	Doreen Stanton
Louise Veffier	Philip Webster

This motion was seconded by Patricia Cook and carried. Wendy Downing moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m. so that we could all enjoy George Pagowski's talk, "I Promised You a Rose Garden".

Wendy Downing
President

Anne Graber
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING—PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I complete my first year as President of the Canadian Rose Society, I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the things that we have accomplished this year and look forward to in the year to come.

Shortly after last year's annual meeting, work was underway to stage the Canadian National Rose Show at Royal Botanical Gardens at Burlington, Ontario. Hosted by the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society and included as an added attraction to visitors to RBG on June 27 and 28, 1998, the show was a success with both exhibitors and the general public. The weather cooperated and many visitors were able to see the show, get some information about the Society, and then wander across the road to Hendrie Park and enjoy the rose collection.

On the same weekend, some of our members were in Whitby, Ontario, dispensing information about roses and the Society at Weall & Cullen's Miniature Village Rose Show. Weall & Cullen sponsored a rose show and invited the public to enter, had it judged by C.R.S. judges and offered prize money to the lucky winners. A good time was had by all, although the weather was unseasonably warm, resulting in wilting workers as well as blooms!

Not long after, the Society hosted the 7th Annual "All Miniature" Rose Show at Sherway Gardens Mall in Etobicoke, Ontario. No, ladies and gentlemen, this is not a little rose show, but a show for "little" roses. Many visitors to the mall stopped to admire the entries and quite a few purchased Miniature roses to take home for their gardens. As this show is open to the public, we hope to see some of these people return next year as exhibitors. Most people were interested in obtaining information from our on-site rose experts and were surprised to learn just how hardy these tiny plants actually are.

The Society was invited to participate in Gardening Day at the Canadian National Exhibition. We had a number of our members manning an information table where people could stop by to ask questions and take advantage of the information provided. We were fortunate to share space with York Rose & Garden Society. Cec Lamrock, an active member of that society and a long time member and former President of C.R.S., very kindly brought in roses and poster boards with information and illustrations on rose care and cultivation.

In September, Barbara Clarke, Jim Anderson and George Pagowski lectured about roses to members of the RBG School for Judges of Horticulture. Participants in the school were very happy with information received from the Society. This year we will have a number of their students observing at the Society's shows in order to get some hands-on experience in judging roses.

The Goulding Memorial Lecture was held in October at Royal Botanical Gardens. We were fortunate to have Lt. Col. Kenneth Grapes of the Royal National Rose Society come to speak

to us about the Gardens of the Rose at St. Albans. He left us with an oft repeated phrase — “roses are easy”— one which I keep hearing from the many people who listened to his talk at RBG. I hope one day to see the trial beds there where they use the hedge clipper approach to pruning!

Many of you will be pleased to know that we finally got the Rose Consultants’ programme underway and many applications were received from across the country. Letters were prepared in March to those persons whose applications were accepted and badges with the C.R.S. logo indicating “Rose Consultant” status were obtained for distribution to those individuals. We were very pleased with the response. As indicated in previous publications, we anticipate preparing a manual for use by our Rose Consultants from information received from these individuals. This will take some time though as information must be gathered, so please be patient with us.

I would like to welcome the Saskatchewan Rose Society to the ranks of C.R.S. affiliate societies. The SRS was formed last year and had its inaugural meeting on February 7, 1998.

We owe a vote of thanks to Audrey Brisbane in British Columbia for her continuing efforts with respect to the Clearing House. She puts in untold hours in reviewing submissions, compiling and reporting on this information to our membership.

This month saw our second exhibit at Canada Blooms. Based on the theme of a rooftop garden, members of the Society met and spoke with the public about roses in the setting of a rooftop terrace overlooking the city—backdrop courtesy of Lindsay Creighton. Thanks go also to the volunteers who staffed the booth, to June and Keith Laver who supplied us with roses, and to Plant World who supplied our other plant material and patio furnishings.

In 1999 we look forward to the National Show in June, once again hosted by the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society, the 8th Annual “All Miniature” show and participation by some of our members once again in the RBG’s School for Judges of Horticulture in July and a refresher course for accredited C.R.S. judges in September at the Civic Garden Centre in Toronto. We are pleased to advise that the Goulding family is once again sponsoring the Goulding Lecture which will be held this year on September 26 at the Civic Garden Centre. Clair Martin, the curator of the Rose Collections at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, and author of *100 English Roses for the American Garden*, will be our guest speaker.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Rose Society for all their help and support over the past year. I would also like to thank all of you for the time and effort expended on behalf of the Society—the many hours spent by so many of you in giving advice (or a helping hand) and sharing your knowledge of roses with others. Without you, the Society would not exist.

**THE CANADIAN ROSE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

REVENUES	1998	1997
Regular Membership	\$15,842	\$11,335
Life Membership	612	612
Advertising	1775	2,431
Rose Sales	7282	8,076
Judging School	381	140
Special Events-Note 3	4,000	8,388
Donations	4,657	2,340
Interest	3,158	2,494
General Sales	<u>4,894</u>	<u>2,160</u>
	<u>42,601</u>	<u>37,976</u>
EXPENSES		1299
Publications - Rosarian		<u>\$52,174</u>
- Annual	11,712	
Rosesales	10,064	10,497
General Sales Costs	5,594	10,552
Honorarium	1,178	5,041
Office expenses	1,500	28
Rent	2,141	1,500
Special events - Note 3	327	2,673
Other	4,487	392
	<u>1,781</u>	<u>3,875</u>
Excess of Revenues Over	<u>38,784</u>	<u>2,370</u>
Expenses		<u>36,928</u>
Surplus January 1	3,817	
Surplus December 31	48,357	1,048
Surplus Represented By:	<u>\$52,174</u>	47,316
Life Membership Account		<u>\$48,364</u>
Rose Research Education	\$7,000	
General	942	\$7,000
Goulding Lecture Series	42,933	942

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**FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1998**

ASSETS	1998	1997
Cash	\$14,367	\$10,557
Investments	35,000	35,000
Interest Receivable	<u>2,807</u>	<u>2,807</u>
	<u>52,174</u>	<u>48,364</u>
SURPLUS		
Surplus	\$52,174	\$48,364

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES

**THE CANADIAN ROSE SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

The Canadian Rose Society is a Registered Charity, within the meaning of the Income Tax Act(Canada) and is organized to promote the development , growth and display of roses.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Operating revenues are recognized when received.

Interest is recognized on an accrual basis.

Expenses are recognized when incurred.

Fixed assets are expensed when purchased.

2. Donations include an amount (1998-\$500, 1997-\$500) which represents the nominal value of professional services rendered during the year.

3. Special Events include receipts and expenditures associated with the Goulding Lecture as detailed below:

	1998	1997	1996	1995
Receipts: Donation	\$4,000	\$4,050	\$4000	\$4000
Expenditures: Reception	1380	1,172	1,524	2,037
Travel & Accommodation	1717	1,929	1,680	996
Supplies	498	236	60	478
Rent	0	0	429	395
Administration	0	<u>101</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>93</u>
	\$3,596	<u>\$3,438</u>	<u>\$3,718</u>	<u>\$3999</u>
Surplus	<u>404</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>1</u>

4. Investments comprise a Certificate of Deposit with a major Trust Company, (Maturity date 1/30/2000, interest rate 8.75% per annum, payable annually).

5. As of December 31, 1998, revenues included 253 memberships (\$6,254) relating to the 1999, and later, fiscal years. (1997-148, \$3,265)

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W. J. Keenan Bowl—three one bloom per stem Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras—

FOLKLORE

won by Denise Kennedy

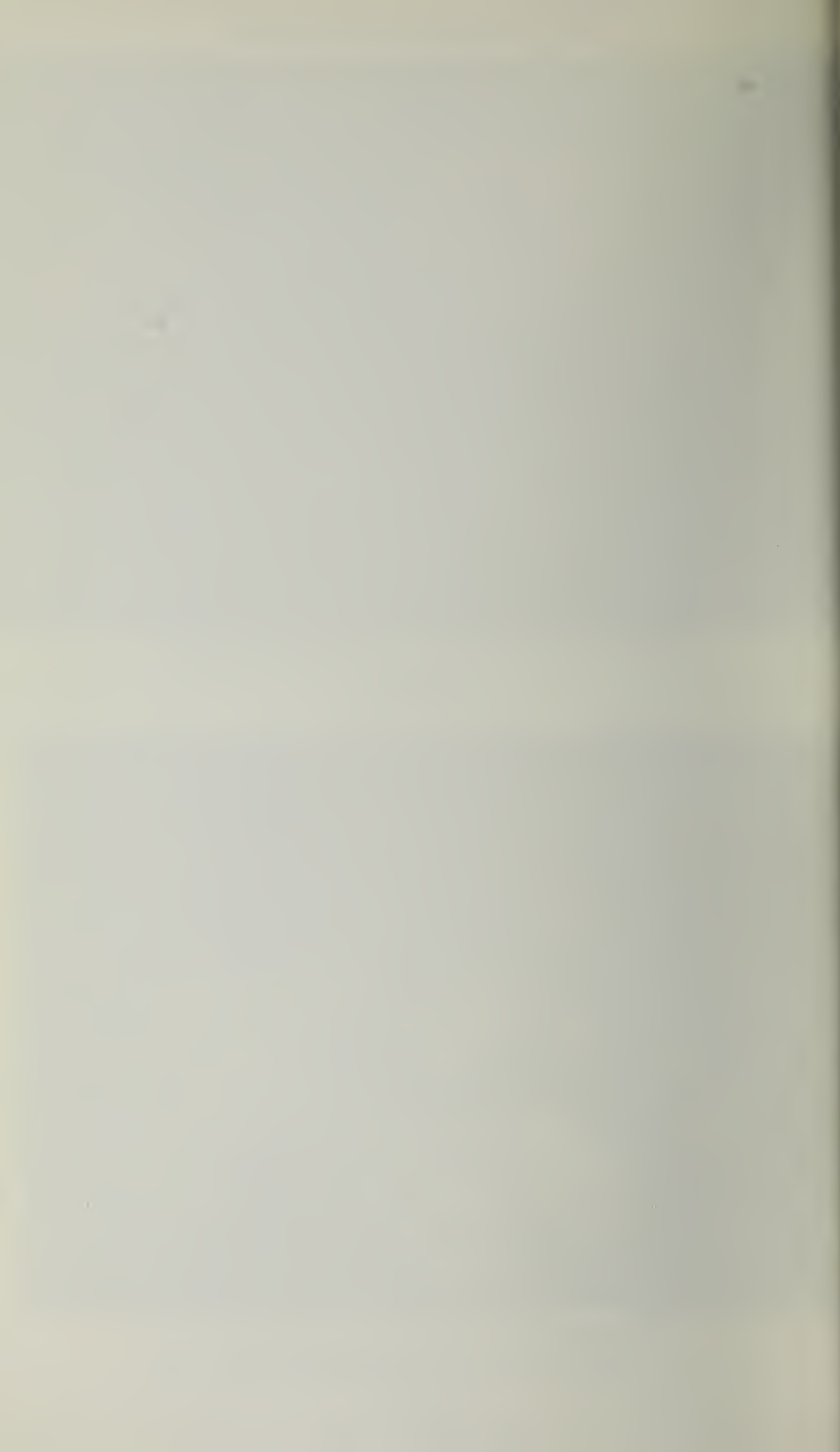


P. L. Whytock Trophy—three different cultivars of Floribundas—

CITY OF LONDON, CONQUEST, DAME OF SARK

won by Claire Finch

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



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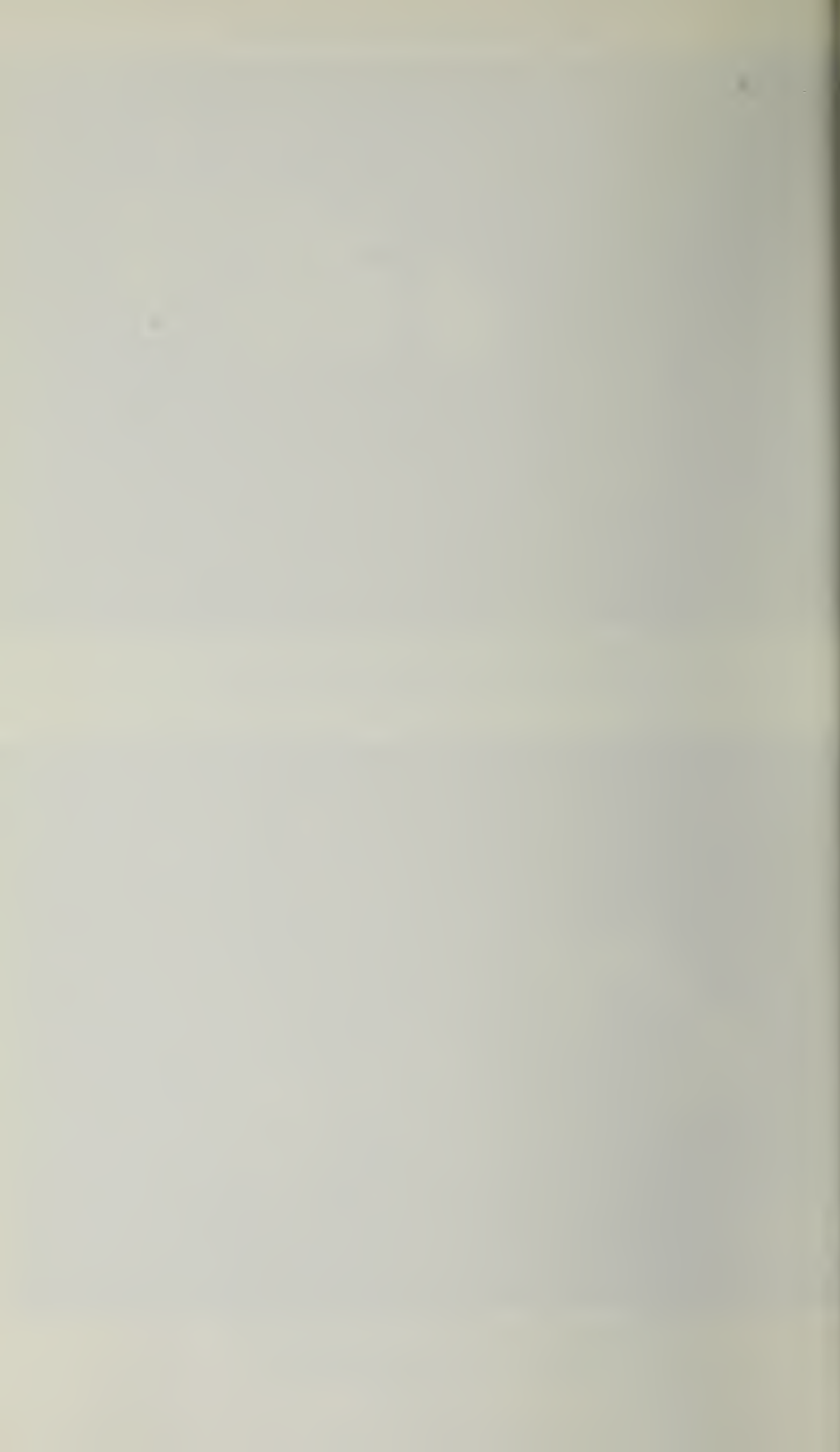


Claire Finch with her winning entry also Best in Show
CONQUEST, DAME OF SARK, CITY OF LONDON



The Harkness Cup—three stems or sprays of Climbing Roses
AMERICA, COMPASSION, ILSE KROHN
won by Claire Finch

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



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Hugh A. Rose Trophy entries with the winner front left

TOMMY THOMPSON

won by Denis Creighton



*Peter Mcdougall Challenge
Trophy-English Box
of six Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras
Clockwise from the top left;*

**BURGUND 81,
RINA HOGO,
VELDFIRE, POLARSTERN
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES,
MARIJKE HOOPMAN,
won by Ray Hopkins**

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



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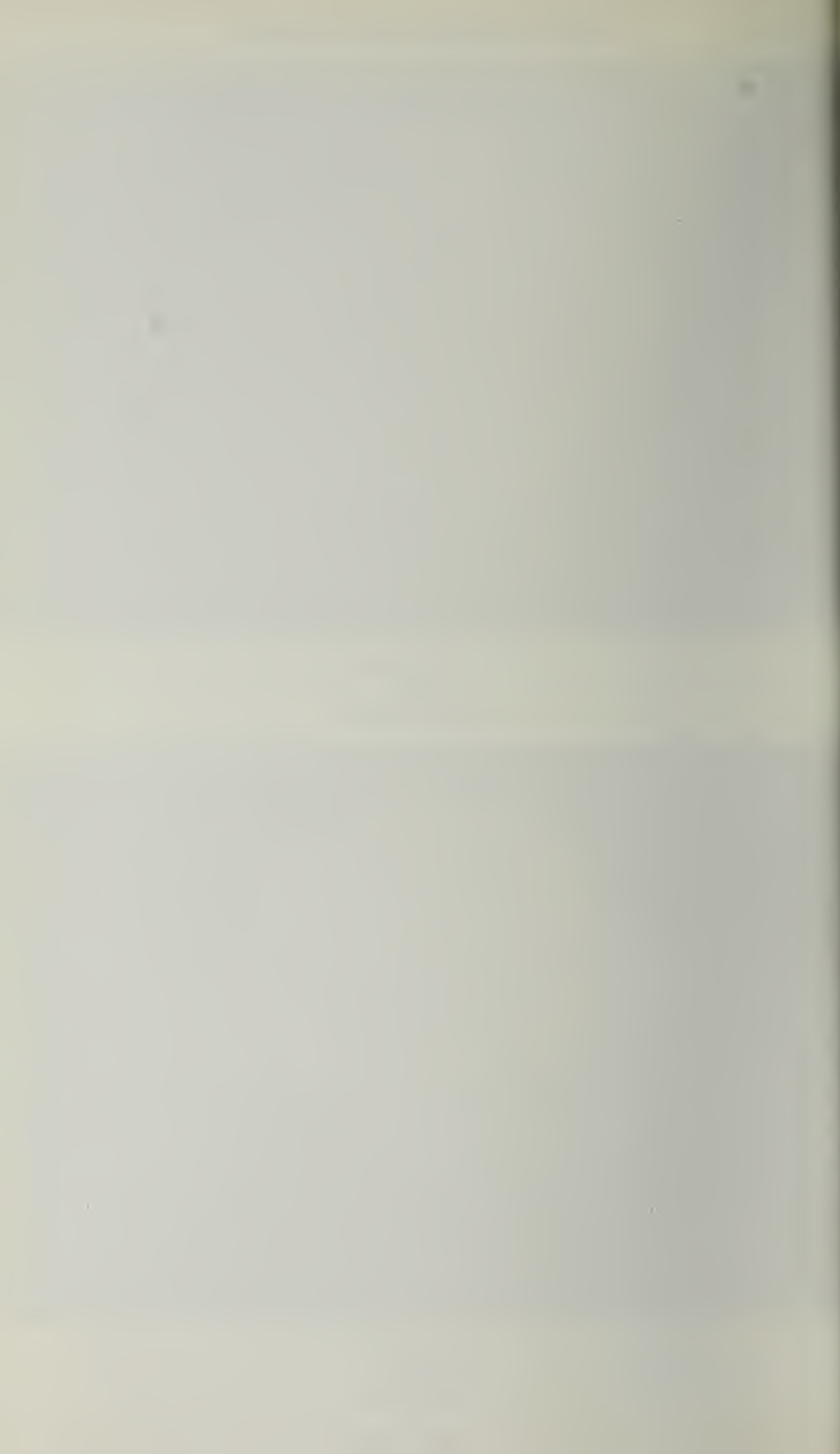


Queen of the Show
BAMBEY
won by Shirley Hoysa



Prince of the Show
CARIBBEAN
won by Marilyn Poyton

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



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Princess of the Show
AUDREY MEIKLEJOHN
won by Keith Spencer



George Pagowski receiving honorary membership
for outstanding service to the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society
(l. to r.) Ron Bishop, George Pagowski, Wendy Dowling, Sharilyn J. Ingram

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



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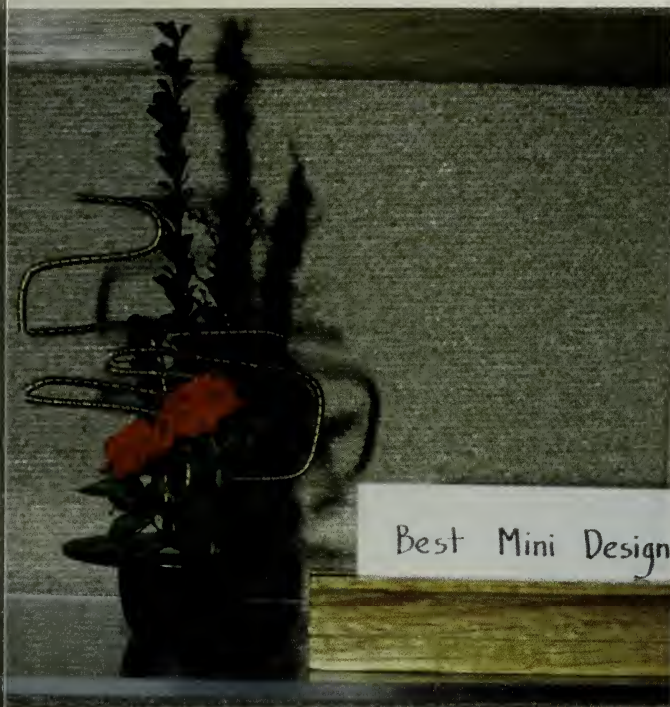
GOLD MEDAL
Best Grandiflora
won by John Begin



Best Design in the Show
"MANOR HOUSE"
won by Janet Stoddart



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*Best Small Design
in the Show
"PLAY HOUSE"
won by Joan Creighton*



*Joan Creighton accepting her award from Lindsay Wilcox with Ron Bishop looking on.
Joan's designs are consistently charming,
showing respect for both her plant material and accessories.*

(Photos: Elizabeth Schleicher)



CANADIAN NATIONAL ROSE SHOW - 1999

by Ron Bishop, Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society,
Show Chair

The Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society was very proud to host the Canadian National Rose Show for the second year in a row. The show was held at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27, 1998. We were given the opportunity by the Royal Botanical Gardens to have our own members give rose tours in the gardens on Sunday. This was the first week of the Royal Botanical Gardens' Rose Festival which is held for three weeks.

The theme of the show was "At Home with Roses" We were pleased to have Ms. Sharilyn Ingram, Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens open our show and hand out the top seven awards of the Hamilton Burlington Rose Society with our president, Lindsay Wilcox.

The show consisted of the seven Canadian Rose Society National Trophy classes and 189 Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society Classes. Despite the threatening weather on Sunday we had 623 visitors take in our show.

I was honoured to be accompanied by the President of the Canadian Rose Society, Wendy Downing, when we presented the trophies for the National Classes on Saturday.

The trophies of the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society were given out on Sunday followed by an auction of the roses by Keith Spencer.

Other major awards were:

Trophy	Variety	Winner
W.J. Keenan Bowl (3 specimen Hybrid Tea blooms)	Folklore	Denise Kennedy
Paul B. Saunders Trophy (5 specimen Hybrid Tea blooms)	No entries	
P.L. Whytock Trophy (3 Floribunda sprays)	City of London, Conquest, Dame of Sark	Claire Finch
The Harkness Cup (Three stems of Climbing Roses)	Ilse Krohn, America, Compassion	Claire Finch

Trophy	Variety	Winner
Hugh A. Rose Trophy (1 specimen bloom or spray of any rose originating in Canada)	Tommy Thompson	Denis Creighton
Peter McDougall Challenge Trophy Presented by S. McGredy & Sons (English box of 6 Hybrid Tea/ Grandiflora)	Burgund 81, Veldfire, Rina Hugo, Marijke Koopman, Polarstern, Tournament of Roses	Ray Hopkins
K.G. Laver Trophy (7 different Specimen Miniature blooms)	No Entries	

Category	Winner	Cultivar
Queen of the Show	Shirley Hoysa	Bambey
Prince of the Show	Marilyn Poyton	Caribbean
Princess of the Show	Keith Spencer	Audrey Meiklejohn
Best In Show	Claire Finch (City of London, Conquest, Dame of Sark)	
Miniature Queen	Claire Finch	Jean Kenneally
Miniature Prince	Ray Hopkins	Figurine
Miniature Princess	Anne & Paul Graber	Deep Velvet
Best Design	Janet Stoddart	
Best White	No Entries	
Best Yellow	Keith Spencer	Audrey Meiklejohn
Best Orange	John Begin	Atoll
Best Pink	Ray Hopkins	Marijke Koopman
Best Red	Shirley Hoysa	Bambey
Best Mauve	No Entries	
Best English Box	Dora McKay	
Best Cycle of Bloom	Shirley Hoysa	Bambey
Best Rose Bowl	Dora Mackay	Yankee Doodle
Best Unnamed Seedling	Julius Muha	not applicable
Most Fragrant Rose	Kiyo & Eiko Endo	Madame Isaac Pereire

Best Floribunda Spray	Gary Holland	Sexy Remy
Best Grandiflora Spray or Specimen	John Begin	Gold Medal
Best Climber Spray or Specimen	Doris Muha	Fourth of July
Best Miniature Spray	Elizabeth Schleicher	Mountie
Best collection, 3 miniature roses	Barbara Bishop	Green Ice, Baby Masquerade,
	Millie Walters	
Best palette, 5 miniature roses	No entries	
Best miniature rose box	Anne and Paul Graber	not recorded
Best miniature floating rose	Denis Creighton	Pacesetter
Best Old Rose Exhibit	Lindsay Wilcox	(Camaieux,
Great Maiden's Blush, Zephirine Drouhin, Nuits de Young, Tuscany Superb, Celestial, Belle Sultane, Rosa Mundi, Charles de Mills)		
Best Modern Shrub Exhibit	Keith Spencer	Jaquenetta
Novice—		
high aggregate score	Kiyo & Eiko Endo	n/a
Highest Score Members with Fewer than 24 Rose Bushes	Marilyn Hodge	n/a
Senior Sweepstakes	John Begin	n/a
Junior Sweepstakes	Chris Muha	n/a

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Hamilton and Burlington Rose Society and its Show Committee as well as the members of the CRS board for all their help in making this year's show a success. An especially warm thank you goes to all of those who exhibited – without you there would have been no show!

A NEW ROSE GARDEN FOR OUR CAPITAL

by Marlene Orton

Like much of Canada's own mixed ancestral elements, plans for a glorious new heritage rose garden at Rideau Hall have required more time to coalesce than anyone could have guessed.

With the official opening scheduled several months later than anticipated, rosarians who visited the grounds of the Governor General's official residence throughout the summer might have surely wondered why a construction site sat where a massive rose garden had been promised.

However, the scale of the project promised to exceed all hopes right from the outset when The Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation raised nearly \$2 million to bring the vision to life. The generosity surprised even Gerda Hnatyshyn, whose country-wide, fund-raising efforts far exceeded the original goal of \$1.3 million. The seventeen granite pillars, each more than ten feet tall, are inscribed with donor names ranging from private families to Canada's corporate giants such as the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Canadian Heritage Garden was created as an independently-financed endeavour to mark the 125th anniversary of Confederation in 1992 by former Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn and Mrs. Hnatyshyn. Both have waited for nearly eight years to see their dream blossom and flourish outside Government House, where as Canada's vice-regal first couple, they received state visitors from around the world and welcomed Canadians of all walks of life onto the grounds.

The garden can be seen from the visitors' entrance even though it is on a gentle slope off the main driveway approaching the residence, which has been home to Governors General since 1867. It was moved westward slightly to ensure good exposure to the sun, because the grounds are renowned for the commemorative trees planted by visiting dignities and some are a century or more old.

The overriding landscape feature, aside from the nearly three hundred varieties of roses, is the polished granite hauled from Quebec's famous quarries. At the centre of the eleven circular garden rooms is a thirty-six foot diameter granite pool dubbed the Confederation Pool of Unity, which offers a distant view of the Peace Tower atop Parliament Hill.

The beds are marked by the pillars, which in turn support a granite beam or colonnade elegantly curved like a long silky ribbon. The two hundred and forty-three foot beam serves as a historical notebook, bearing carefully inscribed text explaining

which roses are planted where and how they fit into the complex development of Canada's statehood.

The roses were chosen to represent two distinctive categories: the immigrant groups whose families formed the backbone of Canada's heritage and the 'timeline' of historic events.

Bill Kretzel, the garden foundation's co-ordinator of Interpretive Elements, explained the concept with examples of some roses planted there. "Some ninety-two of the rose varieties are associated with events in the progression of Canadian history - planted in the beds along the footings of the colonnade, which supports the beam to be inscribed with the 'timeline' text. . . .

"Thus 'Adelaide Hoodless' is planted in the vicinity of the beam text corresponding with the early years of the twentieth century. 'Morden Centennial' coincides with beam text reading '1870- Manitoba joins Confederation'. . . 'Champlain' is in the first bed along the colonnade adjacent to the beam text: 1608- French post established on the site of Quebec City. 'Ontario Celebration' is positioned relative to the text commemorating the establishment of Upper Canada as a province (1791)."

Other examples include 'General Washington' marking the American Revolution 1775-1783; 'Roberta Bondar', for Time Line #17, associated with the 1992, Canada's 125th anniversary of Confederation. Two other roses were earmarked for this spot: 'Hope for Humanity', and 'V.O.N. Canada'.

In Time Line #51 is 'Mountie', a tribute to the year the Northwest Mounted Police was formed.

The two hundred other rose varieties are planted in the eleven garden rooms and associated with the various ancestries of Canadians. These include 'Gloire de France', for the French; 'Irish Beauty', for the Irish; 'Variegata di Bologna', for the Italians; 'New Zealand' for the immigrants from that tiny island; 'James Mason' (who lived in Switzerland) representing the Swiss, Dutch, German and Jewish immigrants. The ancestries of Canadians were identified using Statistics Canada census data from 1991 and research determined the sequential order whereby ancestors of these identities began arriving.

The Aboriginal Peoples for whom Garden Room #1 is reserved are represented by native species from each part of Canada. Some examples include *R. carolina*, representing Ontario and the Maritimes; *R. nitida* for Quebec and the Maritimes; *R. blanda* from all northern parts of Canada, *R. pisocarpa* for British Columbia, and *R. woodsii* for B.C. and the Prairies.

While the roses are the key attraction, a series of

ornamental hedges forms the backdrop to the garden and throughout, eleven tubular steel trellis and pillars support the climbing roses. And even before the roses are placed, nearly twenty-six hundred linear feet of underground irrigation piping is to be installed.

Construction on the grounds of Rideau Hall is never a minor undertaking. In fact, an extensive approval process was required even before ground was ever broken. Approval of the National Capital Commission and ultimately, the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office had to approve every single plan and revision. In fact, eleven trees were relocated elsewhere on the ground and the central footpath was planned specifically to prevent exposure of any sensitive tree root systems to stress from all the pedestrian traffic expected once Canadians become fully acquainted with their newest national rose garden.

CANADIAN HERITAGE GARDEN

by Rachel Flood

Editor's Note: Much of the material in this article was taken from an article in the Globe & Mail written by Marlene T. Orton who has written an article for us on the progress of the concept. Rachel has added her own comments on the roses from her wide knowledge and experience.

Canada's Governor General invites Canadians and visitors to Rideau Hall each year, and now there is a special reason rose growers and people who love roses will have special delight in doing so. Gerda Hnatyshyn promised the nation a floral tribute. The idea has certainly taken root; the rose garden is the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Confederation. Mrs. Hnatyshyn formed the Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation and worked hard finding sponsors to raise the \$1.3 million needed for the garden. It took six years to raise the money. A landscape competition yielded the winning designer and the beds have been dug to accommodate no fewer than 293 varieties of roses.

The garden, edged by a sweeping arc-shaped promenade, is adjacent to Rideau Hall's ceremonial tree planting area. Roses should be in full bloom later this summer for everyone to enjoy walking and breathing in the wonderful fragrance.

Rideau Hall is located in Ottawa and opens daily from 9:00 a.m. until one hour before sunset; there are special events taking place throughout the year.

For more information, please contact Visitors Services by telephone at (613) 998-7113 or 1-800-465-6890, by fax at (613) 993-1656 or by e-mail at info@gg.ca.

Now to talk about the rose garden and its design and development. As far as possible, the roses chosen for the garden are species native to Canada or hybridized by Canadians, representing the people who make up this great country and their history and journeys to become a part of it.

Unlike other public rose gardens, this one is intended both as an historical monument and reflection of the country's cultural diversity. Along the smoothly curved granite beam and granite support columns engravings mark the evolution of Canada as a state and explain its citizens' remarkable ancestry.

The Assembly of First Nations sponsored the first granite column and the first of eleven garden rooms. The others were sponsored from east to west, the way the country was developed.

The project was developed with the National Capital Commission, which is responsible for all the federal property in and

around the capital. It also involved a crew of Canada's top garden experts and rosarians—some acting as consultants, others on the Foundation's board of directors.

Seven historians selected the appropriate historical dates to commemorate. The landscape designed by A. D. Regher of Toronto, featuring a granite pool at the centre of the garden, beat out thirty-five other entries. The main job of selecting the roses fell to horticulturist Claire Laberge of the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Her challenge was to find as many roses as possible that were bred in Canada to tell the tales of the country's evolution. This required nailing down varieties that signify various immigrant groups and precisely match many historical events. Of course, the roses also had to be tough enough to endure Ottawa's gruelling winters with little or no protection. "I chose the rose when the name really represented what we were looking for," Ms. Laberge explained. "When you go to the United States or Europe, there are many more varieties but our goal was to obtain as many Canadian roses as possible. It will.....really be a Canadian heritage rose garden."

Some choices seemed obvious. The Explorer roses, bred mainly in Ottawa by Felicitas Svejda, were material for the historic timeline. 'Champlain', one of her better known hardy and disease resistant varieties, is assigned to the first bed along the Colonnade. It will represent 1608, when the French established a post on the site of Quebec City.

The garden includes several robust little beauties bred at Manitoba's Morden Research Station, such as 'Morden Centennial' which commemorates Manitoba's entry into Confederation in 1870.

'Roberta Bondar', bred in Ontario by Joyce Fleming, represents 1992, the year Canada sent its first woman astronaut into space. Then there is 'Mountie', a Miniature bred by Keith Laver, to honour the formation of the Northwest Mounted Police, and 'Métis', which will be in the first garden room along with one species of native rose from each part of Canada. Another obvious must was 'John A. Macdonald', named for the first Prime Minister, even if it was bred in France.

Ms. Laberge's other quest was in seeking roses to speak for the many immigrant voices woven into the country's social fabric. 'Gloire de France' and 'Empress Josephine' represent France. Josephine was a passionate rose lover who amassed a vast collection while Napoleon was off on his campaigns. The Empress was the first "rosarian" that I am aware of and she certainly did the groundwork that we all take for granted today, in her garden at Malmaison. She engaged P. J. Redouté to paint them, and her

collection and his paintings, published as *Les Roses, 1817-24*, have become the basis for all the knowledge of garden roses today.

'Irish Beauty', 'New Zealand' and 'Caribbean' were easy choices. Then Ms. Laberge looked for exotic clues to fill in other countries and found 'Oranges & Lemons', 'Coffee Country' and 'Ginger'.

"When we started fundraising," Mrs. Hnatyshyn recalled, "we wondered how we were ever going to raise \$1 million." But the money came through sponsorships of various components of the garden such as its teak benches and various rooms. One company alone, White Rose Nursery and Crafts Ltd. of Unionville, Ontario, donated one third of the roses.

With the creation of the garden, Mrs. Hnatyshyn has made it an even safer bet that the 32 hectares of greenery and winding footpaths that surround Government House will always remain open to the 120,000 visitors each year.

When I looked at the list of roses to be I was perplexed as to how they would be planted, but after reviewing the design and concept I think they were wisely chosen. Claire Laberge has done an outstanding job with the Jardin Botanique de Montréal. I have some concerns about winter protection for the Miniatures and Hybrid Teas. I know what winters are like in Montreal, and Ottawa can be colder. Roses like 'Caribbean', 'Canadian White Star', 'Coffee Country', 'Eiffel Tower', 'Magic East', 'Gypsy Lady', 'Miss Canada', 'New Zealand' 'Orient Spice' 'Out of Africa', 'Peace', 'World Peace', and 'World Rose' all need winter protection but I am sure this will be sorted out.

This will be one of the largest collections of older roses that I know of. Some of these rose do not have recurrent bloom so the prime time to view this garden would be from the third week of June till the second week of July. Many varieties will still be in bloom well into October so do not be deterred; there will still be lots to admire in Canada's Heritage Rose Garden, a project Canadians can be proud of.

In summing up, I think that this project has great merit and we have to thank Mrs. Hnatyshyn and her Board for making Canada's Heritage Rose Garden happen. If I could add anything to this, I would like to see a garden that would reflect the massive contribution Canadian hybridizers have made to the modern rose varieties. The Explorer roses are one area, but our Miniature hybridizers like Keith Laver and others should be recognized. This could be a future project for consideration by the C.R.S.

FRÈRE MARIE-VICTORIN

Editor's Note: A new Explorer rose released in 1998 was named for him.

From the Canadian Encyclopedia—Author Raymond Duchesne

Frère Marie-Victorin, brother in the Écoles chrétiennes community, botanist, teacher (born Conrad Kirouac at Kingsley-Falls, Québec, April 3 1885; died at St-Hyacinthe, Québec July 15, 1944. Son of a prosperous merchant, Kirouac grew up in Québec City. At 16 he joined the Frères des Écoles chrétiennes in Montréal. His postulant and early teaching years were often disrupted by illness, but long periods of convalescence allowed him to study botany. As teacher at the Collège de Longueuil from 1905, Marie-Victorin stimulated student life, founded a study circle and published several literary works. However, botany took more and more of his time. Around 1908 he published his first scientific articles. He was named Professor of Botany at the University of Montréal in 1920. There followed 25 years of intense scientific and social activity. At the Botanical Institute which he founded in 1922, Marie-Victorin gathered a small research team which included Jules Brunel, Ernest Rouleau, and Jacques Rousseau. As his monumental *Flore laurentienne* (1935) shows, Marie-Victorin was above all a taxonomist. However, the importance he gave to phytogeography and the evolution of American flora paved the way for ecologists such as Pierre Dansereau.

As an ardent propagandist of 'scientific cultivation' and of a nationalism like that of Lionel Groulx, Marie-Victorin was a major Québec intellectual and political figure in the 1930's. He took part in founding the Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences and the Société canadienne d'histoire naturelle, in organizing the Cercles des jeunes naturalistes and, most notably, in creating the Montreal Botanical Garden. He became a member of the Royal Society of Canada in 1924. Marie-Victorin was at the height of his power as a scholar and leader when he died in an automobile accident.

WILL EDDIE'S ROSES PLEASE SHOW UP!!

by Yvonne Adams and Brian Stretch

The search for the Eddie roses bred by J.Henry, Gordon and William Eddie of H. M. Eddie & Sons Ltd. Nurseries of Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, began through a conversation between Yvonne Adams and Brian Stretch, Garden Manager for the Ornamental Gardens at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Pacific Research Centre, in Summerland, British Columbia. Henry M. Eddie was the father although he evidently had no part in the breeding of the roses. It is our intent to find and establish a permanent collection of the Eddie roses, most of which are not commercially available. Our interest was stimulated by having a mature specimen of 'Eddie's Crimson', an absolutely breathtaking, 15 foot tall vigorous, June bloomer covered in spectacular crimson single blossoms. When this rose bloomed in late spring, a photograph was sent to Mr. Henry Eddie (son of H.M. Eddie) and he identified it as 'Eddie's Crimson'. Also, in his letter to us he bemoaned the fact that he could not find any of his father's roses. this was the cry for help that spurred us on!! A letter to *Gardens West* a great gardening magazine out of Vancouver, brought many replies from the Vancouver area and farther afield. One kind lady told us that her late husband, some years previously, had planted several rose bushes from the Eddie Nursery. Full of hope that perhaps we had struck the mother lode, we spoke to Mr. Eddie, and he volunteered to visit the garden. Unfortunately, he found none of the roses were Eddie Hybrids.

The trail of finding Eddie Roses was drying up fast, and just as our hopes of ever finding another Eddie rose were fading, we received a letter from the Heritage Rose Group in Martinez, California, stating that the Vintage Gardens in Sebastopol, California, listed 'Eddie's Burnaby' . We eagerly sent for a bush, and despite a small customs problem, we received a healthy bush of 'Burnaby' which was quickly planted alongside the 'Eddie's Crimson'. This group in California had also given us the name of a grower in Grand Forks, B.C. which we contacted (Russian Roses for the North). We obtained five healthy bushes of 'Eddie's Jewel' one of which was immediately sent off to Mr. Henry Eddie, much to his delight, and at least now, he had one of his father's roses.

Brian Stretch visited Russian Roses for the North, taking with him some cuttings of 'Eddie's Crimson'. He really enjoyed the people he met and established a good rapport.

The following year, Yvonne bought one of those rooted

cuttings, and lo and behold, at the height of only ten inches, it produced eight beautiful blossoms.

'Eddie's Crimson' grows to approximately fifteen feet in the Summerland Ornamental Gardens and once a year in late spring, its long arching canes are covered with brilliant crimson single blossoms, all supporting a yellow heart. We are all looking forward to the first blooms on the 'Eddie's Jewel', and to the creamy yellow blooms on the much lower growing 'Burnaby'. The photograph of the mature bush of 'Eddie's Crimson' was sent to us by Mr. Henry Eddie. The other photograph is of Yvonne's new bush thriving in a soil that is mostly clay.

Although we are happy having three of the Eddie roses in the Ornamental Gardens, the search continues.

Our sincere thanks go out to *Gardens West* magazine and to all individuals who wrote to us, and CBC's David Tarrant, The Canadian Gardener, who carried the story of our search. We live with the hope that someone, somewhere will put us in touch with yet more Eddie Roses.

ORNAMENTAL GARDENS INTERPRETIVE CENTRE (FORMERLY SUMMERLAND RESEARCH STATION)

The Gardens were once an active research area of the Dominion Experimental Farm established in 1914, to provide research to help solve the problems of a developing agricultural industry in the semi-arid Okanagan. Early research dealt with a wide range of crops, poultry, swine and cattle but today the primary concerns are tree fruit and grape production as well as food processing.

A 1920 English cottage (former superintendents' residence) houses the interpretive centre, and displays the agricultural and horticultural history of the Summerland Research Station. Visitors are welcome to tour the interpretive centre and experience this beautiful residence.

The "canyon view path" behind the main lawn offers breathtaking views of the Trout Creek Canyon and the Kettle Valley Railway Bridge. The steel girder bridge, an engineering feat by the famous railroad engineer Andrew McCulloch, spans the canyon and is the longest and highest of its type in North America!

A dryland garden (Xeriscape) is presently under construction displaying a wide variety of drought tolerant plants aesthetically arranged by their moisture requirements. This is a research and demonstration garden, showing viable alternatives, with a view to reducing water use on man-made landscapes.

This is a fifteen acre site overlooking the natural beauty of Okanagan Lake, Trout Creek Canyon, and Giant's Head Mountain. There are seasonal flowers, shrubs, and mature trees as well as a developing garden of Eddie's roses where it is hoped more of these historic roses will soon bloom.

Editor's Note: As I am sure is clear, the authors would be more than delighted to hear from anyone who has an Eddie's Rose. His roses were grown all over Canada and the United States and were distributed by R. Harkness & Co. in England where they received 3 Gold Medals from the National Rose Society(now the Royal National Rose Society) —"Burnaby' HT, in 1954, Gordon Eddie, HT, in 1950 and Poly Prim, Fl. in 1954. "Burnaby' also won the Portland Gold Medal in the U.S.A. in 1957.

A complete list of his roses is as follows:

'Ruby Talisman' and 'Yellow Talisman', sports of 'Talisman', HT, 1935

'Eddie's Advent', HT, 1938

'Royal Visit', HT, 1939

'Mrs. H. M. Eddie', HT, 1943 and a climbing sport of this rose

'Flaming Sunset' sport of McGredy's 'Sunset', HT, 1948

'The Mountie' .Fl., 1949

'Picturesque', HT, 1950

'Gordon Eddie", HT, 1950

'Poly Prim"Fl., 1953

'Ardelle', HT, 1954

'Burnaby', HT, 1954

'Eddie's Cream', Fl., 1956

'Eddie's Crimson', hybrid moyesii, 1956

'Rosemary Eddie', Fl., 1956

'Jennie', HT, 1959

'Eddie's Jewel', hybrid moyesii, 1962

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**THE QUEEN ELIZABETH GARDENS
PARKS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE
—IN THE WAKE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER**

by Gail MacDonald

When we speak of a garden, we tend to concentrate on the plants and their care and placement. But any garden is inevitably and deeply shaped by its location and the passage of time. This is particularly true of public gardens.

The Queen Elizabeth Gardens are located with the Crysler's Farm Battlefield Park and adjacent to Upper Canada Village. Here fifty landscaped acres link planted vistas with memories of the past.

The St. Lawrence River

In the case of the Queen Elizabeth Gardens which are part of the Parks of the St. Lawrence, the tendrils of time flow from the St. Lawrence and its effects over the years on the lands and peoples lying along its banks. From pioneer days, the river has marked the border between the emerging nations of Canada and the United States and has provided an important transportation route. People and supplies moved along the river and in their wake villages, towns, and cities sprang up as the young country of Canada found its identity and its strength.

But the river has always exacted a toll. In the beginning, river travellers braved rough waters and hazardous rapids, especially in the stretch from Montreal to Prescott. As early as the mid 1800's, canals were built to ease the trip. Over time, the canals were rebuilt and enlarged.

By the middle of this century, after decades of quibbling by parties on both sides of the border, the canal-building culminated in the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. This mammoth undertaking produced a 90 foot international hydro dam at Cornwall and new, larger locks to accommodate bigger ships linking Lake Ontario with ocean traffic. In Loyalist days, the Montreal to Lake Ontario trip required 12 days of arduous and hazardous travel. Today, the uneventful voyage is accomplished in hours.

But progress has its costs. To build the new seaway it was necessary to flood more than 20,000 acres on the north shore of the river. Six communities were completely engulfed: those now known as the Lost Villages of Moulinette, Milles Roches, Dickinson's Landing, Wales, Farran's Point, and Aultsville. Morrisburg survived but with the loss of part of its downtown core. Iroquois was completely submerged but the village rose again on the new north



The entry gate and the fountain at the Queen Elizabeth Gardens





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PEACE

from the garden of Herb Pickett (see IN MEMORIAM)

(Photo: Herb Pickett)



*Claire Laberge with the poster of the Montreal Botanical Gardens showing the new Explorer rose **MARIE VICTORIN** (see note Page 39)*

(Photo: David J. Elliott)



shore of the river, minus its landmarks and historic buildings.

Most of the homes, churches, businesses, and other structures in the path of the seaway were razed to permit the flooding. Still, more than five hundred buildings were picked up and removed, among them the group that now constitute Upper Canada Village, operated by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (an agency of the Ontario government) as a heritage park. Here staff explain and artifacts illustrate the earlier rural life and values. Of special interest to gardeners are the occasional guided tours in the evening that focus on heirloom plants and gardening techniques.

The Rose Garden

As you leave the highway to enter the park grounds, you will immediately see a visitor information centre on your right backed by a small parking lot. Leave your car here and stroll across to the Rose Garden.

It is arranged as a sunken garden about a half acre in size and surrounded by a stone wall. Within the garden, a wooden arbour with trellises stretches across the eastern and western ends. Paths meander through the irregular-shaped and high raised beds. Benches provide a place to sit and take in the sensory feast. A small fountain splashes to make you forget the heat.

Within the wall are modern roses and a selection of tree roses. Initially, most of the plantings were Hybrid Teas and Floribundas but gradually some are being replaced by Explorers and other hardy roses. Some David Austin roses are being added this year. On the outside of the stone wall, little needing its protection, are the antique roses. Some are thickly hedged along the wall and more sprawl in abandon in adjacent islands of plants that include the antiques plus trees and other bushes.

In the beginning, the roses were carefully labelled but over time most of the signage has disappeared. This is not a botanical garden with an educational role, so the staff had to give up a losing battle to maintain the identifying signs. Park brochures say there are over seventy varieties of roses in the sunken garden plus many Old Garden Roses, but you will have to recognize them yourself or be content to enjoy them without knowing their names.

The Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for the park, Gerben Schaille, was happy to talk about the care of the rose garden. Much of the care is what you would expect; dormant oil followed by regular treatment of fungicide and insecticide, regular watering beginning with aerial sprays and later ground irrigation to avoid spraying the foliage, and regular water soluble fertilizer plus

two granular feedings.

When I inquired about winter damage and whether the infamous Ice Storm had hurt the roses, he laughed. All the younger and smaller roses are dug up each fall and buried in batches of five, in a two foot trench in another location which makes up the outside tree nursery for the park. The tree roses are wrapped in burlap to protect the graft from dirt and breakage, with the burlap extended as far up the branches as practicable and the trees are then also buried in a trench. The rose garden site tends to be damp and low lying and hence not hospitable in winter. The rugged roses like Explorers are left in place in the garden. The antique roses outside the wall are not buried.

Indeed the biggest problem is not cold damage or any difficulty in care but what retailers euphemistically call "shrinkage". Each year more than sixty of the younger and newly planted roses walk away. Sadly, the garden no longer has climbing roses and vines on the arbour; the burden of special care by a small staff and added losses from theft made these roses beyond their budget.

There is much else of historical and horticultural interest in this pleasant and well-kept and well-signed series of parks along the St. Lawrence. As the Michelin Guide likes to say: "Worth a journey!"

Directions

The park is about an hour south of Ottawa via Highway 31. If you are traveling the 401, take exit 758 and continue 11 km east of Morrisburg on County Road 2 (formerly known as provincial highway 2) to the park.

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Rose garden at Parc de la Tête d'Or at Lyon, France

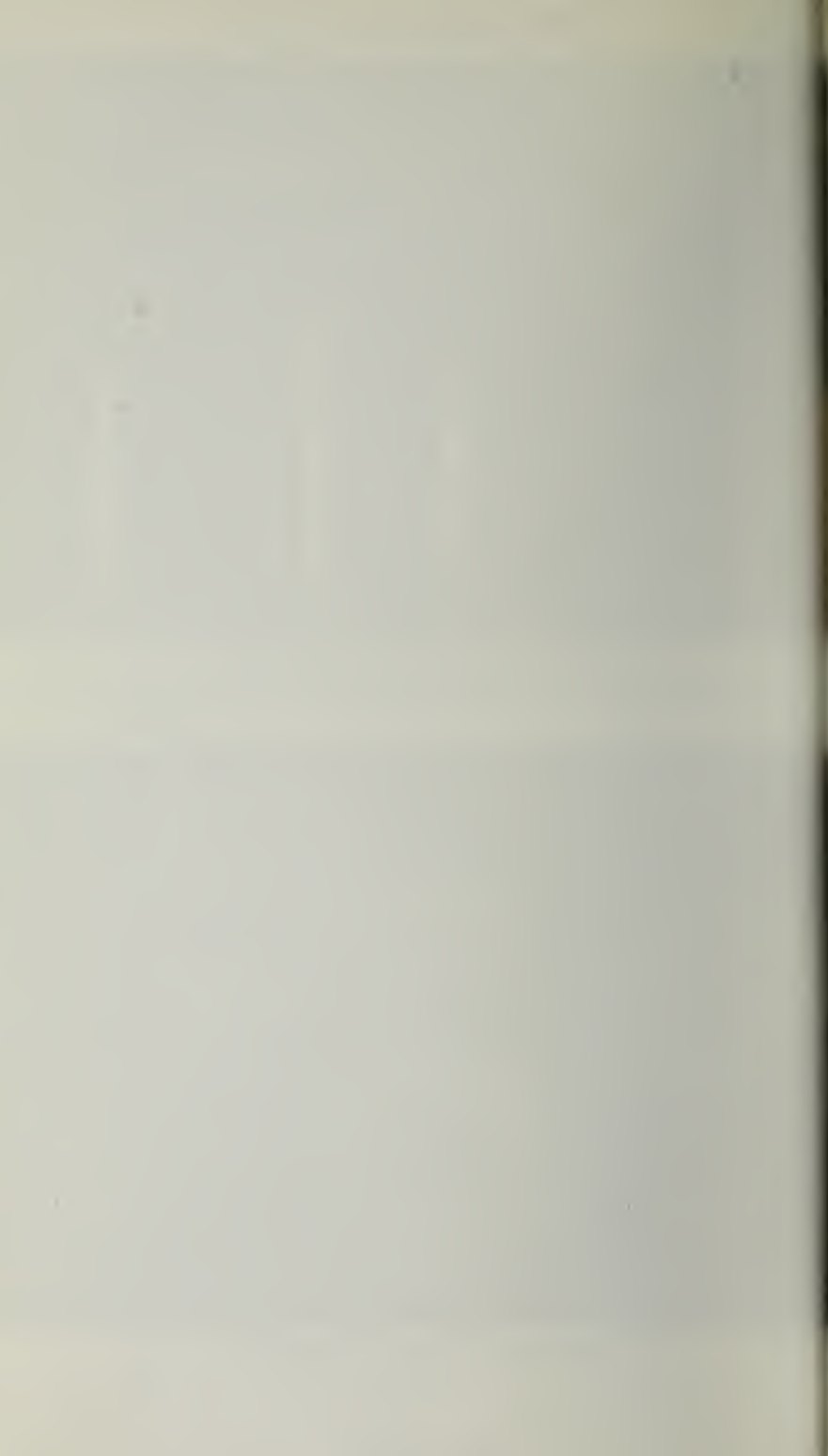
(Photo: Claire Laberge)



BELLE ISIS & CARDINAL DE RICHELIEU

R. gallica

(Photo: Claire Laberge)





SOMBREUIL
Climbing Tea Rose



GRUSS AN AACHEN
Floribunda

8TH INTERNATIONAL ROSE CONFERENCE

by Claire Laberge

The International Conference at Lyon, France was hosted by "Roses Anciennes en France" on May 27, 28 and 29, 1999. The programme, devoted to the history of roses, brings together at the "Palais des Congrès" historians, geneticists, botanists, curators and private collectors from twenty countries, in the French city where the rose has been honoured for more than one hundred and fifty years.

The following topics were presented at the Conference:

Gallica Roses: History and Inventory

Mr. François Joyaux (France), vice-chairman of the "Amis de la Roseraie de l'Hay-les-Roses", member of the jury for the "Roses Nouvelles de Bagatelle", author and private rose collector presented to us "La Rose de France". His lecture on *Rosa gallica* and her descendants was very informative.

History of the China Rose

Mr. Roger Phillips (UK), is a world famous photographer and the author of books on plant identification, written in collaboration with Martin Rix (UK), and translated into eight European languages. Their international sales have now topped four million copies. He proposed to us to follow him on his China expedition in company with botanist Martin Rix. They were looking for the four China roses which influenced the diversity of our modern roses. 'Old Blush', 'Slater's Crimson China', 'Hume's Blush Tea Scented China' and 'Park's Yellow Tea'.

Botanical Roses and Rose Varieties: a Complex History in the Light of New Technologies

Professor Maurice Jay is the Director of the Micromolecular Biology and Phytochemistry laboratory at Lyon I University and Professor of Biology and Plant Chemistry at Claude Bernard University. His subject was the history of rose bush domestication seen from the molecular biology point of view. This new technology such as markers allowed the elaboration of fresh scientific knowledge on rose evolution and classification.

Old Roses in Normandie

Mr. Daniel Lemmonier (France) is a founding member of "Roses Anciennes en France"; he showed us the contribution of the Normandie area to the hybridizing and cultivation of roses in France. He also gave us a tour of the conservatory rose garden near Rouen, France: "Roses de Normandie".

The Empress Josephine in Lyon

Mrs. Odile Masquelier (France), President of "Roses Anciennes en France", entertained us with the story of the great rose collector, the Empress Josephine.

The Lyonnais Rose Growers in the 19th Century

Mr. Dominique Massad (France), descendant of the French hybridizer and nurseryman, Pierre Guillot through his grandmother, obtained a degree in botany, a diploma in Agricultural Engineering and finally a specialization in Horticulture at the National College at Versailles. A mutual passion for roses united him with Jean-Pierre Guillot. Together, they have made a collection of the Guillot varieties gathered on several trips and then Dominique Massad started breeding roses himself. His lecture brought us back in time to the Lyonnais Rose Growers during the 19th century. With good historical documentation, he explained how they had influenced world horticulture.

The Extraordinary World Importance of the Pernetiana Rose During the First Thirty Years of the Century

Professor Gianfranco Fineschi (Italy), founder of the Caviglia Botanic Rose Garden where 5000 varieties of roses are grown, showed a large Pernetiana rose collection. In 1996 he received the Merit Honour Plaque of the World Federation of Rose Societies for his garden. He invited us to visit his garden and discover these early yellow and orange Hybrid Tea treasures. Between 1883 and 1888, Mr. Pernet-Ducher, in Lyon, made numerous hybridizations between the Hybrid Tea and *R. foetida persianna*. He finally obtained the first Hybrid Tea of a clear yellow colour, 'Soleil d'Or'. 'Soleil d'Or' and its descendants, the early Hybrid Teas of yellow and orange colour obtained by him are called Pernetiana Roses.

Genetic Retrogression: Backcrossing (French "Rebrides") Roses

Mr. Guy Prouver (Germany) is the Coordinator of a project among five international institutes, about retrogression and introgression at the "Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle" in Paris. They reconstitute old and lost varieties by using the descendants still available. Then they cross-breed to obtain more former "Rebrides".

History of French Roses in the United States in the 18th and 19th Centuries

Mr. Stephen Scanniello (U.S.A.) has been the curator of the world famous Cranford Rose Garden in Brooklyn for 14 years. He gave us a slide tour searching for forgotten roses in the United States. He is involved in a Heritage Rose group in New Jersey and he is a world famous author on roses.

Test on the Parentage of the Musk Rose (*Rosa moschata*)

Mr. Yvan Louette (Belgium) has done extensive research on the Musk Rose mystery which for a long time was mixed up with *Rosa brunonii*. He has worked in the Crépin Herbarium of the Botanical Garden of Belgium. As well, he created at Chaumont-Gistoux district a small botanical and educational garden including a rose garden where a Lens' roses collection is shown.

I could not share with you my marvelous stay full of discovery without telling you about two memorable events. The welcoming reception at the Silk Museum where we could admire an International Exhibition of Quilts on the theme "Rhapsody of Roses". And, of course, the gala dinner at Abbaye de Collonges prepared by none other than Mr. Paul Bocuse, the well-known and great French chef.

My sojourn in Lyon allowed me to visit some rose gardens. The three rose gardens at the "Parc de la Tête d'Or", one is for novelty roses, one is more of design and the third dedicated to historic roses inside the botanical garden. Second, "Le Jardin des Hauteurs", a heritage rose garden overlooking Old Lyon, created by Mrs. Odile Masquelier, the president of "Roses Anciennes en France". We were invited also to visit the famous private garden of Mrs. Masquelier where she grows six hundred and sixty different roses in naturally designed landscaping. Her garden is featured in Mirabel Osler's *Secret Gardens of France* and Peter Beales latest book, *Visions of Roses*.

The Montreal Botanical Garden was advertised in the Hall of the Palais des Congrès. I put up a large poster representing a close-up of Rosa 'Marie-Victorin' in honour of our founder Brother Marie-Victorin.

I went back to Montreal after five full days of rose enrichments. Most of my time was passed in meeting people from all over the world involved in roses' and discovering roses in bloom. Lyon was for me my first real international conference. I lived every minute intensely. And I know now that surely in two years I will be in Charleston U.S.A for the 9th Heritage Rose Conference!

ROSE GARDENING ON THE PRAIRIES

by Brian Porter

Rose gardening on the prairies has generally been considered a challenge, and often, unfortunately, impossible, by much of the general public.

Many of the failures in the past can be attributed to a lack of knowledge by the grower, particularly when it comes to proper choice of cultivars and proper planting. Yet many serious rose growers are able to have success with roses on the prairies, and not merely with a few ironclad cultivars, but with scores, and in some cases hundreds of tender roses, as well as hardy ones. These are the growers who have studied in depth the books written by others on rose culture, or have pioneered their own methods by trial and error and networked with others to share their successes, and perhaps gained valuable new tips as well. Today there are several rose books on the market written by prairie authors, such as George Shewchuk and Lois Hole, attesting to the possibilities of growing roses on the prairies. Rose societies have also established themselves, further encouraging prairie dwellers to grow roses.

It must be pointed out that we are much more fortunate than earlier generations of rose growers. Over the years we have learned techniques for successfully overwintering tender roses. The choice of cultivars, however, has grown tremendously. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has played a major role in the development of hardy roses, so that today many gardeners on the prairies are growing roses of the Parkland Series, and the Explorer roses as well. The fact that most of these can be grown without winter protection has greatly aided in the popularity of roses. No longer are we restricted only to the old reliables such as 'Hansa', 'Thérèse Bugnet', 'Harison's Yellow' and a few others, as our grandparents were. In their day, private plant breeders such as Percy Wright, Dr. Frank Skinner and Georges Bugnet played a much more prominent role in the development of hardy roses for the prairies, but they did not have the means to promote their roses as widely as they deserved. In addition, the modern development of recurrent blooming roses has done much to increase their popularity.

In tender roses, we have always lacked the convenience of having local propagators. This is still the case, but today we are fortunate in that potted roses are showing up regularly at garden centres in an increasing array of cultivars. Packaged roses are also readily available. One drawback to this is that these imported roses may include planting instructions that are inappropriate for prairie winters. Blindly following these instructions has probably led many

a gardener to believe that they can't grow roses on the prairies. Many of the most avid rose growers on the prairies rely on mail-order nurseries for their tender roses, as they still provide the widest choice of cultivars. Potted roses do offer one advantage, however, in that the plants are more advanced, and at least for the first year, an extra cycle of bloom might be achieved—a significant plus for us with a short growing season. Also, these roses can be planted at a time most convenient to us. As for hardy roses, we are not without local propagators, as the Parkland and many Explorer roses lend themselves to propagation by cuttings.

Prairie rosarians have their own challenges with insect control. We don't have to worry about Japanese beetles, but the rose curculio, which is native, does much damage to hardy roses (and some tender ones) each year. Control of this insect is not easy. Spider mites are common on Miniature roses, particularly in hot, dry locations, while aphids attack both large and small roses. More insects may be showing up here—rose midge, for example, is now known to survive prairie winters. Our dry climate may make diseases a little easier to control, but as most rosarians can now water their gardens regularly, this advantage is partially lost, and diseases such as black spot and mildew are not uncommon.

Wintering of roses has always been our biggest challenge. Deep planting of tender grafted roses, with the graft union about 20 cm. deep, seems to "in" these days, among rosarians. As written in the Spring '99 issue of the *Canadian Rosarian*, Donald Heimbecker extols the virtue of planting roses "on-the-slant", a method thought to have originated with Percy Wright years ago. It is interesting to note that one the newest rose books from Minnesota indicates that deep planting is considered obsolete there, being replaced by the "Minnesota Tip". I personally have not tried the latter, nor do I know of anyone who has. Whether that method would work here, where we have far less snow in winter, is unknown—at least to this writer. Heavy mulching with soil, leaves, or other insulating materials is essential for tender roses here, and is a chore which some find too much of a burden. Fortunately for those, there are plenty of hardy roses available. Own-root roses have enjoyed some popularity on the prairies, but the success of these, particularly for the more tender ones such as English roses, has not been documented. Time will tell how well they establish themselves.

Local rose societies and even horticultural societies in general can do much to teach prairie gardeners how to have success with roses. Master Gardeners and Community Colleges are also in a position to further the knowledge of rose growing on the prairies.

Thankfully, today we can indeed grow roses on the prairies and we can look forward to the introduction of even more hardy roses for our challenging climate.

CHARLES ALBANEL

(Editor's Note: There is an Explorer Rose named for him.)

From the Canadian Encyclopedia—Author Stanley Gordon

Charles Albanel, Jesuit priest, missionary and explorer (born in Auvergne, France c 1616, died in Sault Ste. Marie January 11, 1696). After joining the Jesuit missions in Canada in 1649, Albanel was stationed at Tadoussac, from which he made numerous expeditions into the surrounding wilderness with the local Indians. During 1671-72 he was sent by Intendant Jean Talon to explore northward to Hudson Bay to verify rumours of the presence there of French speaking Europeans who were in fact Radisson and Groseilliers, then in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. In June 1672 he reached the Bay, probably the first European to do so overland. In 1673 he was sent back to try to persuade Groseilliers to return to French service. He was detained by the English, and did not return to Canada until 1676. Thereafter, he served in the missions of the western interior.

AUDREY BRISBANE

by Vi Heaslip

Editor's Note: To me, Audrey Brisbane has been the name of the Clearing House compiler and while, I have had many reasons to admire her, I really did not feel I knew her. She does such a fantastic job that I have always wanted to know more about her. While Vi does not mention it, the comments we receive about the Annual almost all mention the Clearing House first as the most read and re-read part of the book and there are many who tell us there is nothing like it available anywhere!!

Born 1917 in Imperial, Saskatchewan, Audrey received her early education in Kindersley, and from an early age she studied violin, piano and voice at the University of Saskatchewan and still plays violin in concerts given by the Civic Orchestra of Victoria.

Her artistic soul soon discovered the beauty of the rose, which stayed with her during her marriage to Frank Guadagni, and while raising three daughters and one son after Frank died in 1964.....her love of the rose has coloured her life ever since.

Audrey joined the C.R.S. in the late 1950's, becoming a life member in 1977, and an accredited judge in 1982. She was awarded the C.R.S. Award of Merit in 1996 in recognition of her many years of work in developing the Clearing House, and has kept her keen interest in the Clearing House, working long hours collating the information sent to her by rosarians from across Canada and the U.S.A. This busy lady was my prime support in putting together the '96 Judging School which created 17 new accredited judges—a first in this area.

Audrey is also a member of the Royal National Rose Society, the Rose Societies of America, Vancouver, Te Awamutu in New Zealand, the Peninsular Rose Club, the Peninsula and View Royal Garden Clubs, and a life member of the Montreal West Horticultural Society.

Audrey married Bill Brisbane in 1984.

I first met Audrey and Bill when they moved to Victoria in 1986 and they were making some improvements to their pretty garden. Since then they have moved twice and are now in the process of developing the plans they have created for the garden in their new home in Brentwood Bay. Many of us look with envy at the opportunity to start from scratch, with a chance to eliminate some of our mistakes, but perhaps not the enormous amount of work involved. We all marvel at the energy this couple is able to generate!

If Audrey is not at work in her garden, practising her

violin for an upcoming concert, acting as computer support and archivist for the orchestra, doing publicity for the Peninsular Rose Club, or getting the Clearing House forms out, she may be at her computer organizing that all-important information for the Clearing House or showing her slides to illustrate her talks to garden clubs.

Have I ever seen her exhausted? You bet I have, when she spent more than two days setting out more than a thousand miniatures in colour sequence for our Rose Show!

Have I ever seen her discouraged? You bet I have, when she has not received as many replies as she had expected from the Clearing House forms she had sent out!

But Audrey being Audrey, her enthusiasm soon returns and she is back at her various projects and planning future ones. Audrey's code of ethics and high integrity make her a much appreciated member of the many organizations that have welcomed her as a member.

Many, many happy returns on August 4th, 1999, Audrey, your 82nd birthday!!

BLACK SPOT IN GARDEN ROSES

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Black spot is caused by a fungal pathogen called *Diplocarpon rosae* Wolf. It is a destructive disease of many *Rosa* species and hybrids including the common tetraploid garden roses (Horst, 1995). Severe infection can result in a total defoliation, die-back of canes, and increased winter injury (Lyle and Massey, 1941; McClellan, 1953; Jenkins, 1955). As a result, gardeners for many years have relied on fungicide applications and other cultural techniques to reduce disease problems and improve plant quality.

The most effective measure to control black spot is the use of resistant cultivars. Resistance to this disease has been a criterion for new cultivar development in Canada for many years (Svejda and Bolton, 1980). Several rose genotypes with resistance to black spot such as 'Jens Munk' and 'Martin Frobisher', have been identified and used as sources of resistance in breeding programs. However, the resistance in these cultivars has generally been conferred by specific genes and may be short-lived, due to the emergence of corresponding pathogenic races in the pathogen populations (Bolton and Svejda, 1979).

The importance of environmental factors should also not be overlooked, particularly when evaluating disease related problems (e.g. blackspot disease). Some resistant lines developed in one part of the world, may be susceptible when tested in another where the environmental conditions are different. As a result, this disease has troubled growers and researchers for years. How many times have you seen a plant listed as having good resistance to the disease, only to find it infected in your own site? To help address this problem, we have a cooperative research project with the Swedish Agriculture University in Balsgard, Sweden. We have a Ph.D. student, Ms Ulrika Carlson-Nilsson, looking at the influence of both genotype and environment on the expression of blackspot resistance (or susceptibility). Identical plots have been planted at Morden (Spring 1996) and in Sweden (Fall 1995). Southern Sweden is noted for a relatively mild moist climate particularly when compared to the cold dry conditions of the prairies. This has made for some interesting results.

Plants resistant in Sweden get blackspot in Morden and vice versa. Plant survival is influenced by the disease. Susceptible plants appear to suffer more winter injury than less susceptible ones. We are still far from unravelling the whole story but it is certainly proving to be an interesting trail to follow. We are hoping to identify key characteristics regarding disease resistance (or susceptibility) and tie these to markers that we can easily observe. A new bio-technological technique known as molecular markers, just might be the key we are looking for. This technique "marks" the DNA itself so researchers can "find" the genes they are looking for quickly and efficiently. Ultimately, we hope to have molecular markers to assist in the breeding program. The markers would be for both the pathogen and the resistance genes in the plant. This would allow us to use very rapid techniques to screen large populations of plants and follow changes in the disease profile as they develop.

We are also approaching the blackspot problem from another angle. Dr. A. Xue, our pulse crop (edible seeds of leguminous plants) pathologist at Morden, and I have looked at the blackspot disease over the past several years. As a result, attention has shifted to a non-specific and polygenic type of resistance (i.e. partial resistance). Partial resistance has been defined as a type of resistance that suppresses the rate of epidemic development of a pathogen despite a susceptible infection type (Parlevliet, 1981). It has been claimed that pathogen populations do not adapt to this type of resistance (Fry, 1982), and it is therefore more durable and desirable for use in breeding for black spot resistant garden roses. What this means is researchers look at various components of the disease reaction and try to intermate plants with the needed characteristics. Advances are made in a slow step-wise fashion but hopefully, the outcome will be plants with reduced disease problems.

In one study, we looked at partial resistance of eleven genotypes (selections and cultivars) under greenhouse conditions. The various accessions exhibited varying degrees of resistance such as rate of disease development, severity, lesion size and sporulation capacity. Each of these can be exploited in a breeding program to pyramid or combine partial resistance genes (Xue and Davidson, 1998). This type of breeding strategy can lead to long term "durable" resistance compared to complete resistance which may be overcome with a change in virulence in the pathogen population. As a result of this study, a new rose was released from Morden (Morden Snowbeauty). This cultivar combined the best resistance we have found in white flowered types. The flowers are far from "perfect"

but it is a hardy, low-growing every-blooming shrub worthy of a spot in your garden.

Another area we are exploring, is looking at the pathogen itself. We are collecting black spot fungi from a very broad area so we can examine the amount of genetic variability in the organism. Samples have been obtained from North America and Europe. Several C.R.S. members have supplied us with their “special black spot leaves” growing in their gardens. We will culture these samples, then examine the genetic diversity of the organism using molecular markers. Ideally, we will also test the virulence of the pathogen against a common standard so we can gain information on the relative ability to infect plant materials. This we hope, will shed some new light on how the fungi is evolving and changing in different locations around the world.

The last area we at Morden are examining is new rose germplasm. Several years ago, the senior author traveled to China with a group of rose researchers and breeders. While we were there, we collected new germplasm. These were different Chinese species of roses. Plants are now growing at Morden and we will start the long process of disease assessments, hardiness evaluations and general performance measures. Hopefully, from the plants we have, we will be able to identify new material we can add into our breeding program.

Morden is certainly not the only location looking at disease research. Other researchers, such as a group in the UK, are looking at inserting new genes from other plants via genetic engineering techniques. Researchers have moved new genes into roses via a bacterium called agrobacterium. This is a new technique to the ornamentals area, as well as rose breeding. Results to date have been interesting but still have not provided total immunity to the disease. There are many years of work remaining before we can start to unravel how the genes are working in the new rose plants.

There is still a lot of research to follow up on to see this technique will provide an opportunity to reduce disease incidence and subsequently reduce fungicide applications. All in all, it is a very interesting problem and will keep us challenged as growers and breeders of new roses. There are no silver bullets out there, so the greater our information base, the faster we can make improvements in disease resistance in garden roses.

LAUNCHING OF THE ROSE 'WILLIAM BOOTH'

by Thérèse Otis

On May 28th, 1999, Mr. Denis Demars, director of the Agriculture and Agri-food Canada Horticultural Research and Development Centre at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec, released 'AC William Booth' (Agriculture Canada), the 25th winter hardy rose in the Explorer series. General Arnold Brown, international leader of the Salvation Army, and Mr. Demars planted the roses in front of Salvation Army Headquarters in Toronto.

This vigorous climbing rose can reach 1.5 metres high and 2 metres wide. It flowers abundantly and continuously from June to late September. Its corymbs are made up of 8 to 10 flowers, each averaging 5 cm. (2 inches) in diameter with five petals. The flowers are dark red when they first bloom, fading to medium red when fully open. It was evaluated for two years in Ottawa and three more years in L'Assomption, Québec. 'AC William Booth' is hardy in zone 3 without special protection and adapts very well in zone 2 with a natural snow cover; it is resistant to mildew and black spot.

'AC William Booth' is the 25th and last rose in the Explorer series. It was named in honour of General William Booth, founder and first general of The Salvation Army, an organization founded in 1865 to bring a better life to the poor through both social and spiritual salvation. William Booth was born in Nottingham, England, April 10, 1829, and died at Hadley Wood, England, on August 20th, 1912. He established The Salvation Army in fifty-eight countries and colonies. He travelled extensively, holding salvation meetings. In his later years he was received by emperors, kings, and presidents. He wrote several books of which *In Darkest England and the Way Out* was the most notable; it became the 'blueprint' of all the Army's social schemes. It was reprinted in 1970.

'AC William Booth' has been licensed to a number of wholesale and retail nurseries across the country and should be available either in the fall of this year or the spring of next year wherever Explorer roses are sold.

In case you are wondering why this is the last of the Explorer roses, Agriculture Canada is starting on a new project and has obtained the protection of the Trademark "Canadian Artists". A three year project in collaboration with Morden has been signed with twenty-two Canadian nurseries to develop new varieties. It will be several years before a new variety in this series is released.

RECENT LITERATURE ON ROSE RESEARCH

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This compendium summarizes papers published in research journals throughout the world. Summaries and comments are by Professor David Richardson, Dean of Science, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3. If readers wish to consult the full paper and cannot find a copy at their local University, write to Professor Richardson enclosing one dollar per page to cover the cost of photocopying and postage.

Barrett, J.D., Clarke, P.V. & Richardson, D.H.S. (1998). The *in vitro* culture of rose-gall tissue induced by the cynipid wasp *Diplolepis spinosa* (Ashmead). *Symbiosis* 25: 229-236.

Galls or "fairy pincushions" on roses are induced by tiny *Diplolepis* wasps. One of these, *Diplolepis spinosa*, results in large round galls on *Rosa rugosa*. When cut open, the layer of plant tissue surrounding the gall chambers in which each larva lives was found to be sterile and an excellent source of cells for initiating *in vitro* cultures of rose tissue.

Brooks, S.E. & Shorthouse, J.D. (1998) Developmental morphology of stem galls of *Diplolepis nodulosa* (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae) and those modified by the inquiline *Periclistus pirata* (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae) on the *Rosa blanda* (Rosaceae). *Canadian Journal of Botany* 76: 365-381.

Diplolepis nodulosa wasps about 1/4 inch long induced abundant small galls on the stems of *Rosa blanda* at one site in Ontario. About half of the galls were attacked and modified by a second insect *Periclistus pirata*. This study examined the development stages leading to gall formation by *Diplolepis* and the changes following attack by *Periclistus*.

Brooks, S.E. & Shorthouse, J.D. (1997). Biology of the rose stem galler *Diplolepis nodulosa* (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae) and its associated component community in central Ontario. *Canadian Entomologist* 129: 1121-1140.

The galls of *Diplolepis nodulosa*, unlike many induced by other wasps in this genus, cause barely perceptible swellings on the stems of the attacked roses. However, when these galls are attacked by *Periclistus pirata* they become greatly enlarged and are often the best clue of an attack by *Diplolepis nodulosa*. Six other parasitoid insects are associated with the galls and form a fascinating dynamic animal community.

Chao, K.; Gates, R.S. & Anderson, R.G. (1998). Knowledge-based control systems for single-stem rose production—Part I: Systems analysis and design. *Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers* 41:1153-1161.

Traditional systems for cut-flower production yield only 200 to 300 stems per square metre per year. Single-stem rose plants of Lady Diana, derived from cuttings and an assembly line approach, were used to enhance production. A large number of plants could be moved through the greenhouse complex in which optimum conditions were given for each stage of growth. To operate this complex, a knowledge-based control system was developed in which information on the status of the growing crop was fed back to a fuzzy logic computer system that altered the temperature and ventilation in the greenhouse complex.

Chao, K.; Gates, R.S. & Anderson, R.G. (1998). Knowledge-based control systems for single-stem rose production—Part II: Implementation and field evaluation. *Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers* 41:1163-1172.

An evaluation of a new knowledge-based control system for greenhouse rose production, using single-stem rose plants, revealed the potential for modest cost-saving on energy in addition to improved production. Medium to high quality flowers were obtained in the first two trials. However, in the last trial, too low daytime temperatures and light levels during the plant establishment stage (seven—ten days after propagation) resulted in enhanced flower bud abortion and low flower quality. Further refinement of the system is needed.

Debener, T. & Mattlesch, L. (1998). Effective pairwise combination of long primers for RAPD analyses in roses. *Plant Breeding* 117: 147-151.

Molecular biology is now being applied to roses to identify cultivars or interpret the results of hybridization. This study examines the implications of amplifying longer or shorter pieces of rose nucleic acids for the later analysis of molecular markers.

Debener, T.; Drewes-Alvarez, R. & Rockstroh, K. (1998). Identification of five physiological races of blackspot, *Diplocarpon rosae*, Wolf on roses. *Plant Breeding* 117: 267-270.

Five races of blackspot were discovered of which one could attack the normally resistant *Rosa rugosa*. None of the five infected *Rosa wichuraiana*, but symptoms have occasionally been reported on this rose. Now that the methods for identifying physiological races have been worked out for blackspot, additional races will probably be found in the future. The information will be of value to rose

breeders.

Epstein, A.H. & Hill, J.D. (1999). Status of rose rosette disease as a biological control for multiflora rose. *Plant Disease* 83:92-101.

Rose rosette disease is transmitted by a mite and is lethal, so it has potential for biological control of *Rosa multiflora*, an invasive weed of 45 million acres of the United States. Infected plants die within about five years, and spread of the disease can be augmented by landowners using a grafting technique. This only needs strips of grafting tape, a razor blade, and a few hours of training. Grafting speeds spread of the disease so that death of up to 98 percent of the original plants occurs without the hazards associated with chemical sprays.

Green, C.D., Stodola, A. & Auge, R.M. (1998). Transpiration of detached leaves from mycorrhizal and nonmycorrhizal cowpea on rose plants given varying abscisic acid, pH, calcium, and phosphorus. *Mycorrhiza* 8: 93-99.

Plant roots are often colonized by symbiotic fungi called vasicular arbuscular mycorrhizae. These fungi use sugars from the plant but enhance phosphate levels and make it more tolerant to water stress. In the cultivar of roses, Proud Land, there was a clear difference in water loss between mycorrhizal and nonmycorrhizal plants. Even detached leaves of mycorrhizal plants contained a factor which influenced water loss, but the nature of this factor has still to be discovered.

Heimbecker, D. (1999). Innovation versus tradition. *Canadian Rosarian* 37 (1): 24-29.

Tender HT's may be grown very successfully year after year in the coldest areas of North America (Zone 2-3) if the roses are planted on a slant. This could be used with advantage in Zones 4-7. The bushes are planted on a 20 to 30 degree slope to the horizontal with the graft 10 cm below the surface. The plants develop three to four "crowns" and "own roots" develop from these. In zone 2-3, the plants are cut back to 20 cm at the end of October, covered with 12 cm of peat and 25 cm of dry leaves or straw. An old nylon carpet is placed on top to prevent rain and melt-water soaking the insulation.

Hu, Y., Doi, M. & Imanishi, H. (1998). Competitive water relations between leaves and flower buds during transport of cut roses. *Journal of the Japanese Society for Horticultural Science* 67: 532-536.

Cut roses have a shorter life than other flowers and are vulnerable to stress during transportation. In east and southeast Asia, roses are frequently packed in boxes and transported dry. Rose flowers of Bridal Pink™, transported dry at 5 degree C, lose almost 20 percent

of their water from the leaves after 72 hours. One-third of this water comes from the stems and flowers. Water moves from the petals to the transpiring leaves so that bent neck develops later in up to half the flowers.

Le Bris, M., Champeroux, A. Bearez, P., & Le Page-degivry, M. T. (1998). *Annals of Botany* 81:309-310

Buds in the axils of leaves on rose stems are used to propagate roses and also give rise to the blooms. Even in the same variety not all bushes are alike. The potential for growth was studied by taking single node cuttings from the apex to the base of rose stems. There was an increasing lag period before the buds formed shoots and this reflected the position down the shoot, not the age of the bud. However on bending the shoot horizontal, the buds which were originally near the base of the rose stem have a greater ability to sprout shoots from the base. Thus the growth pattern of buds is determined in the original bud even before the cutting was taken.

Matsumoto, S., Kouchi, M., Yabuki, J., Kusunoki, M., & Ueda, Y. (1998). Phylogenetic analyses of the genus *Rosa* using *MatK* sequence; molecular evidence for the narrow genetic background of modern roses. *Scientia Horticulturae* 77: 73-82.

The relationships between different rose species can now be studied by analyzing the DNA from the nuclei, mitochondria and chloroplasts. This study of chloroplast DNA distinguished 10 groups that conformed with traditional classifications. Six of the seven species that have contributed to modern commercial cultivars all fell into one grouping (clade) confirming the narrow genetic base of modern roses.

Morisot, A., Bearez, P., Saoula, M.B. & Perez, G. (1998). The weight/length ratio of cut roses; variation by cultivar (Sweet Promise and Jelrocam), quality grade and day of the year. *Scientia Horticulturae* 77: 45-57.

The weight to length ratio of cut rose flowers, at any given harvest, faithfully reflected the bloom quality. Some cultivars had slightly higher W/L ratios. For a given quality of bloom, W/L ratio varied by a factor of 1.5 from a maximum in May to a minimum in December. This mainly reflects the greater weight of foliage per flowering stem and it was interesting that the highest W/L ratio occurs before mid summer.

Mortensen, L.M. & Gislerod, H. R. (1997). Effects of air humidity and air movement on the growth and keeping quality of roses. *Gartenbauwissenschaft* 62:273-277.

If roses are grown under supplemental light in winter in glasshouses

with a high relative humidity, the harvested flowers have a shorter vase life. They often suffer from bent neck or leaf drying. This seems to be due to the inability of stomata on the leaves of the harvested flowers to close properly. By using heating pipes below the canopy to give vertical movements of warm air, the humidity around leaves can be reduced. This should improve stomatal function and the post harvest vase life of such roses.

Sallanon, H., Berger, M., Gemoud, C., & Coudret, A. (1998). Water stress and photoinhibition in acclimatization of *Rosa hybrida* plantlets. *In Vitro Cellular and Developmental Biology-Plant*. 34:169-172.

Shoots from micropropagation systems frequently exhibit stress and die during rooting and transfer to the greenhouse. In this study, micropropagated rose plants were rooted hydroponically in polycarbonate boxes. After two weeks the shoots rooted and could be acclimatised to the greenhouse. It was found that water stress decreased growth of the shoots more strongly than increased light. However the combined effects of these stressing factors was less harmful than expected. Hypotheses are presented to explain the reasons for this.

Xue, A. G. & Davidson, C. G. (1998). Components of partial resistance to black spot disease (*Diplocarpon rosea* Wolf) in garden roses. *HortScience* 33:96-99

Partial resistance to the very harmful disease black spot is often easier to attain than complete immunity. The latter is sometimes due to a single gene, which can be overcome by a new virulent strain of the fungus. When screening breeding lines of winter hardy roses, the components that best allowed detection of partial resistance proved to be (LAS), the leaf areas with symptoms, and (SC), the sporulation capacity of the fungus on the infected leaf. The use of lines exhibiting partial resistance will be used in further breeding and should enable pyramiding of resistance genes in subsequent generations to give durable resistance to the disease.

GOD'S GIFT—A LEGEND

by George Pagowski

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To keep or not to keep, that is the question I pondered repeatedly as, officially retired, I began the daunting task of cleaning out my filing cabinet. To keep or not to keep? Or rather, why did I keep it? In the case in point I was inspecting an old list of roses, trying to decipher the notes in the margin. Was this name Wm Ryan or Van Rijn? and next to "Harison's Yellow" the words "God's Gift". Perhaps a phone call might help. But this list had resided in my file cabinet for a quarter century! It has been said that 80% of the items filed are never used again, and of the remainder, only 3% are of some value. Yet, I was taught, from an early age, to keep good records. This list was a record—part of the invaluable 3%. Ah, the crystals of memory were stirring.

For many years, the Royal Botanical Gardens maintained a provincially funded Outreach Program offering speakers on various plant-related topics to both public and private organizations. My involvement in the cultivation and observation of roses had prompted me to prepare a lecture on winter-hardy cultivars. These included old garden roses and more recent introductions of proven performance, as well as the then new 'Explorer' series. Following one of my illustrated presentations, a gentleman approached me who claimed to recognize one of the roses I had shown as a variety very popular at one time in Southern Ontario. He called it 'God's Gift' rose which was planted at the entrance of many farmhouses. He told me the following story:

When Upper Canada was surveyed, by order of Governor Simcoe, the Queen's Rangers constructed Governor's Road (now comprising Highway 299 and its continuations west of London under other highway numbers.) This was part of a plan to open the counties to European settlement. Each spring Shakers, members of a religious order, travelled this road as soon as conditions permitted. They would call on the homesteaders, offering seeds, fruit bushes and articles of furniture manufactured in their New England workshops. It appears that wherever these salesmen were welcomed, they would insert cuttings of the 'Harison's Yellow' rose near the front door stoop.

There may have been a code to guide future sales teams: some houses had roses on the left, others on the right, and some on

both sides of the door. This could have indicated the degree of welcome, or the type and amount of business transacted. Perhaps the success with those cuttings would point to the occupant's interest in plant welfare, hence more business. It would certainly have been a good "ice-breaker". "My friend, who sold you seeds some years ago, sends greetings, and asked me to ascertain upon the welfare of the fruit bushes", suggests itself as an opening line.

As the farmers prospered, the roses were moved to grace the entrance of the new house, and later generations would plant this variety at the doors of their new homes, from cuttings obtained from their parents. It became traditional to have this yellow, early-flowering rose climb the front porch.

It is unlikely that the original recipients were aware how the rose came to grow at their door. Apparently, when asked the name of the rose or where it was acquired, the answer invariably was; "We did not plant it. It must be a gift from God." Hence, for several generations in Southern Ontario, the 'Harison's Yellow' was known as 'God's Gift' rose.

Rosa 'Harison's Yellow' became very popular soon after its introduction, c. 1830. I recall attending a seminar where the speaker discussed the distribution of early rose introductions across the continent. He alluded to the frequency of meeting 'Harison's Yellow' westward of St. Louis and speculated that it might have been used as a trailblazer, or marker of temporary campsites of wagon trains. The Oregon Trail, possibly? Thomas Christopher makes reference to the cultivar in his book *In Search of Lost Roses*. The footnote on page 15 is of interest here. Some even claim that 'Harison's Yellow' is the "Yellow Rose of Texas" not the *Opuntia* cactus as I was lead to believe.

THE CLEARING HOUSE

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For the 1998 Clearing House, which forms part of the 1999 Canadian Rose Annual, I received 511 reports from 50 contributors - 15 more reports and 7 more contributors than the previous year - my thanks to all of you. Chuck Decker in Anchorage, Alaska sent the largest number of reports, closely followed by George Shewchuk in Edmonton, Alberta.

PROVINCE/USA	CONTRIBUTORS	
	1997	1998
Alberta	3	2
British Columbia	18	25
Manitoba	1	1
New Brunswick	1	1
Newfoundland	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	1
Ontario	12	13
Prince Edward Island	0	0
Quebec	3	2
Saskatchewan	1	1
U.S.A.	4	4
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	43	50
TOTAL REPORTS	496	511

For 1999 reports, Clearing House packages (including reporting forms, instructions for completion, and a return address envelope) will be mailed out the 2nd week of September to previous contributors and new volunteers. If you would like to contribute but don't have sufficient forms, just drop me a line or send me an E-mail (addresses above).

If you have a rose-growing friend who is interested in contributing reports, they should write or E-mail me at the above addresses; a Clearing House package will be sent to them in August. The number of reports is not important; their interest in the Clearing House is!

The deadline for submitting reports is **December 1**.

Thank you for your concise, informative and interesting reports. Your letters of encouragement and suggestions for improvement are appreciated, and are one reason why the Clearing House continues, year after year. Please keep the reports coming!!

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The Hardiness Zone is given after each contributor's name and address. Shown below are the Hardiness Zones extracted from 'Canada's Plant Hardiness Map', compiled for the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. There are 9 zones - 'O' representing the severest zone and '9' the mildest. Each zone in Canada is divided into two parts - 'a' being the colder section of that zone, and 'b' being the milder section. The principle factors determining the 9 different zones are the temperature of the coldest month and the length of the growing season, but the amount of rainfall from June to November, mean maximum temperature of the warmest month, depth of snow cover or lack of it, and the strength of wind gusts are also taken into account. There are other factors which could make a difference between two areas which are in the same subsection of a particular zone, e.g., microclimates (natural or man-made), sharp changes in elevations, proximity to water, and bordering on the next zone.

NOTE: In some cases the town or rural area could not be identified

on 'Canada's Plant Hardiness Map', which shows only cities or large towns, or it was on the borderline between two areas. If I have incorrectly identified your area zone, please advise me so I can revise your listing.

Zone 0a 0b	Zone 1a 1b	Zone 2a 2b	Zone 3a 3b	Zone 4a 4b
Zone 5a 5b	Zone 6a 6b	Zone 7a 7b	Zone 8a 8b	Zone 9a 9b

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TEXT

plant - pl	floribunda - F
year(s) - yr(s)	shrub rose - S
height in feet - '	grandiflora - Gr
height in inches - "	large flowered climber - LCI
hybrid tea - HT	miniature - Min

The abbreviation 'int' is used for 'date of introduction.'

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR AWARDS

AARS	All-America Rose Selection
ARC	American Rose Centre
AoE	Award of Excellence (miniatures)
FA	Fragrance Award
GM	Gold Medal
PIT	President's International Trophy (England)
RNRS	Royal National Rose Society
ROTY	Rose of the Year

NOTE: Awards won by a particular rose are shown in the brief general description following the name of the variety.

COLOUR CLASSIFICATIONS

Because the Canadian Rose Society and American Rose Society colour classifications are now almost identical, abbreviations below are used throughout. Any variations are given in the text.

White or near White	W
Light Yellow	LY
Medium Yellow	MY
Deep Yellow	DY
Yellow Blend	YB
Apricot & Apricot Blend	AB
Light Pink	LP

Medium Pink MP
Deep Pink DP
Pink Blend PB
Orange & Orange Blend OB
Orange Pink OP
Orange Red OR
Medium Red MR
Dark Red DR
Red Blend RB
Mauve or Mauve Blend M
Russet R

If there is a colour description in Modern Roses 10 and updates, or in a Rose Catalogue, this is included, following the official Colour Classification; however, your description is most important as so many factors can affect the colour of a rose in your garden.

FRAGRANCE: This year I have again added the fragrance description given in various publications, but I would also like to have your personal comments in your report on a rose's fragrance, or lack of it!

PLEASE NOTE: The comment "No reports" indicates the variety was reported in previous years but no reports were received in the current year. A rose is reported for 7 years, plus the current year, from the date of introduction, then I state "Last year for reporting this rose".

(We have taken the liberty of changing some prickly comments but the problems will be addressed at the root.—Editor)

HYBRID TEAS

ABBAYE DE CLUNY, HT (Meilland '96 int '93) [Just Joey x (MEIrestif x MEInarual)]. AB, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance, Monza GM 1993, Lyon GM 1994, Plus Belle Rose de France 1994, Belfast GM 1995. Cullen (3 pls 4 yrs 7' NY): First there were three plants, then two, then one, and now none. The buff/orange buds were always large and promising, but I don't think in three years one ever opened. The last plant was, the last time I saw it, on a truck to New Jersey, where perhaps the fumes and summer heat will spur it into glory.

ABRACADABRA, HT (Warriner '91 int '93) (White Masterpiece x Tribute). PB, purple/pink/tan/yellow blend, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. No reports.

ACCLAIM, HT (Warriner '93) (Grand Masterpiece x First Federal Renaissance). MP, 40 petals, fragrant. Clausen (1 pl 6 yrs 7' IL):

Well shaped, form more decorative, good substance. Excellent growth habit, good foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. This is our tallest hybrid tea, a little sparse on bloom numbers but a very attractive pink bloom.

AIN'T SHE SWEET (TWIN PEAKS), HT (Winchel '93 int '94) (Seedling x Dolly Parton). OR, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. No reports.

ALADDIN'S DREAM, HT (Twomey int '95). DP, 32-36 petals. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 2.5' AB): 4" bloom, non-fading, high centred, good substance, good repeat. Medium-low neat bush, large thick glossy foliage, no disease.

AMERICAN GLORY, HT (Twomey '91 int '92) (Portland Trailblazer x Seedling). DR, cardinal red, 28-30 petals, Damask fragrance. Shewchuk (1 pl 4 yrs 2' AB): 4.5" bloom, cupped form, good substance, light fragrance, medium repeat. Dark semi-glossy foliage, no disease, has survived the winter with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover—suspect rootstock is not hardy.

AMERICAN HONOR, HT (Twomey '93 int '94) (Sheer Elegance x Seedling). MP, ivory-pink, 32 petals, slight fragrance. Pickett (1 pl 3 yrs 30" MB): Large pointed buds open to 3.5"-4" beautiful blooms, strong stem, excellent substance, good repeat. Neat bush, medium green foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. A beautiful rose, good in a vase, really good this year—still has blooms October 6. Shewchuk (1 pl 5 yrs 2.5' AB): 5" bloom, high-centered exhibition form, good substance, light fragrance, good repeat. Thick medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

ANDREA STELZER, HT (Kordes '92). LP. Clausen (10 pls 2 yrs 3-4' IL): High-centred bloom, resembles 'Bride's Dream' only darker pink, very good substance. Excellent growth habit, very good foliage, hardiness is good. The talk of the exhibition world in the USA. Plant exhibits health and is very vigorous, stems grow arrow straight.

ANGELA LANSBURY, HT (Twomey '95) (Gitte x Sheer Elegance). PB, iridescent pink and cream, 28 petals, sweet spicy fragrance. Shewchuk (2 pls 1 yr 2.5' AB): 4" bloom, high-centred exhibition form, petal tips scorch in 20 deg.C heat, medium substance, good repeat, light fragrance. Neat upright bush, large medium green thick glossy foliage, no disease.

AOTEAROA (NEW ZEALAND), HT (McGredy '89 int '91)

(Harmonie x Auckland Metro). LP, pale coral pink, 34 petals, very fragrant, Portland GM and FA 1996. Clausen (4 pls 4 yrs 4-5' IL): Large fragrant bloom, occasionally of exhibition quality, very good form and substance. Beautiful foliage, very little disease. Mr McGredy has hybridized a nice rose for all rosarians to enjoy. If fragrance is your priority, 'New Zealand' is among the top. A great all around rose. Heaslip (2 pls 4 yrs 4' BC): Very large exhibition form bloom, very good substance, fragrant. Less than enthusiastic about the bud but I can forgive it when I see the bloom. One of my plants throws lots of sprays. Strong grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Hopkins (2 pls 2 yrs 4' ON): Creamy pink exhibition form bloom, good substance, very fragrant. Upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. I look for more improvement in '99. Stanton (1 pl 2 yrs 4' ON): Lovely light pink exhibition form bloom, mostly singles, good substance, fragrant. Upright grower, dark green shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A very loveable rose. Wood (3 pls 3 yrs 2.5' BC): Many petalled HT-type bloom, OK substance, tendency to ball, poor repeat. Medium size bush, good foliage, a few diseases, could be tender. I like the rose and scent but am watching it—need a little better performance. Will hang in for another year. (Last year for reporting this rose).

ARTISTRY, HT (K. Zary '96 int '97) (Seedling x Seedling). OB, coral orange, 34-38 petals, light sweet fragrance, AARS '97. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs AK): Medium-sized bloom, some exhibition form, keeps colour. Bushy grower, healthy, needs more blooming but a nice colour and rose. Grobel (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): 4-5" bloom, low centre, very good substance, repeats well, light sweet fragrance. Strong upright canes, dark green semi-glossy foliage, requires winter protection. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 3.5' AB): 4.5" bloom, medium low centre form, very good substance, light fragrance, very good repeat. Sturdy upright growth habit, dark semi-glossy foliage, no disease, requires winter protection - 12" peat moss, and my method of planting. Veffer (1 pl 2 yrs 2' ON): 2" bloom, exhibition form, singles, good colour, poor substance. Slow grower, poor foliage, blackspot, hardiness doubtful. Beautiful rose but very few blooms make it hardly worth the effort. Moved it to a new location—see if that makes any improvement in production of blooms.

AUDREY HEPBURN (JOAN'S DESIRE), HT (Twomey '91 int '92) (Evening Star x Seedling). LP, blush pink fading lighter, 30-36 petals, fruity fragrance, The Hague GM 1993. Pickett (1 pl 3 yrs 30" MB): Very heavy bloomer all summer, beautiful form, good

substance. Neat bush, dark green foliage, no disease, needs winter cover. A beautiful plant with bloom or without—up to 14 blooms at one time, beautiful in a vase. Shewchuk (2 pls 7 yrs 2.5' AB): 4.5-5" bloom, high-centred exhibition form—elegant looking, good substance, lots of bloom, good repeat, medium fruity fragrance. Strong upright canes, large dark glossy foliage, resistant to mildew, wintered well with my method of planting, and 12" peat moss cover.

AUDREY MEIKLEJOHN, HT (Delbard '92 int '91). MY. Graber (1 pl 3 yrs 30" ON): Large dark yellow bloom, excellent exhibition form, holds colour well, good substance, slow to repeat. Upright growth habit, dark green glossy foliage, touch of blackspot, tender—cover well. (Last year for reporting this rose).

AUGUSTE RENOIR, HT (Meilland '94 int '92) [(Versailles x Pierre de Ronsard) x Kimono]. MP, 41+ petals, fragrant. Wood (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' BC): Too many petals for dampish climates, usually balled, mushy substance. Weak grower, blah foliage, all the diseases, hardiness OK. Gave up growing it after 3 years.

AUNT GERRY, HT (Sheldon '92) ('Lanvin' sport). LY, golden yellow, 35 petals, mild spicy fragrance. Clausen (1 pl 2 yrs 4-4.5' IL): Single or exhibition form, bloomed very well this '98 season, my blooms tend to be small. Very good form and substance. Good growth habit, medium green foliage, very little disease, hardiness is good.

AURELIA WEDDLE (ARELIA WEDDLE), HT (Weddle '95). OR, 65+ petals. No reports.

BARBARA BUSH, HT (Warriner '90 int '91) (Pristine x Antigua). PB, salmon-pink to ivory to pink/ reverse pink, 25-30 petals, heavy damask fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

BELLE EPOQUE, HT (Fryer '94) (Remember Me x Simba). R, golden bronze, good fragrance. No reports.

BREATHLESS, HT (Warriner '93 int '94) (Seedling x Chrysler Imperial). DP, deep cyclamen pink, 15-25 petals, fragrant. No reports.

BRIGADOON, HT (Warriner '91 int '92) (Seedling x Pristine). PB, coral-pink blended cream, 35-40 petals, moderate spicy fragrance, AARS '92. Hart (1 pl 6 yrs 30" ON): Coral-pink with cream on underside, nice blooms beginning of season then didn't bloom anymore. Weather was really hot this past summer so roses

didn't do well. Some blackspot, hardiness good with winter cover. Hay (1 pl 3 yrs 4+' BC): Beautiful this year with many exhibition type blooms—'tis a 'keeper' after all. Good substance, moderate growth habit, dark green foliage, some blackspot, winters well. Has been a slow developer in my garden but came along very well this year, much stronger growth. Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 4' BC): High-centred exhibition form bloom, good substance. Would like to see more growth, dark green foliage, no disease. Although classed PB, I see more OB; a bit stingy with bloom. Shewchuk (2 pls 3 & 7 yrs 2.5' AB): 5" bloom, high-centred exhibition bloom, petals turn red with age, good substance, lots of bloom, good repeat, spicy medium fragrance. Neat upright grower, dark semi-glossy foliage, no mildew this year, winters well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 4.5' ON): Lovely blend of pinks to coral, high-centred exhibition bloom, excellent substance. Tall spreading growth habit, large dark matte foliage, no disease. Gorgeous, sweetly fragrant, eye-catching. Wilcox (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): Inconsistent in form—exhibition or not. Tender. Little change since last year—not an outstanding plant but a pretty flower. Williams (1 pl 4 yrs 4' BC): Exhibition form, very floriferous but tends to ball badly in rain, good substance, needs lots of disbudding. Tall grower, dark green foliage, succumbed to blackspot in the summer—I don't spray. Hardy.

CALGARY, HT (Twomey int '98). DR, 45-50 petals. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 2.5' AB): 4" bloom, medium high-centred form, long lasting, holding colour well, very good substance, good repeat. Has tendency to produce sprays of bloom rather than one bloom per stem. Upright neat bush, large medium green thick glossy foliage, had lots of blackspot. Will keep if it survives the winter and if blackspot can be eradicated.

CAMROSE, HT (Twomey '96). LP, light pink/darker pink reverse, 28 petals. Grobel (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' AB): 5" bloom, 26-28 large petals, medium high-centred form, good substance, repeats well. Upright grower, heavy canes, large dark shiny foliage, no disease, requires winter protection. Shewchuk (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' AB): Urn shaped buds, attractive 5" bloom, medium high-centred exhibition form, good substance, good repeat. Upright growth habit with strong canes, large dark glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Has done very well since I planted it 3 years ago.

CLASSIC TOUCH, HT (John Hefner '91 int '93) (Sport of 'Touch of Class'). LP, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. Clausen (1 pl 5 yrs 5'

IL): Classy high-centred bloom, very good substance. Very good growth habit, light green foliage, very little disease, average hardiness. Anyway you look at it, 'Classic' names it well. Foliage is a little lighter than I like but we can live with that.

CORDON BLEU, HT (Harkness '90 int '92) (Basildon Bond x Silver Jubilee). AB, apricot/reddish shadings/begonia pink reverse, 20 petals, moderate spicy fragrance. RNRS TGC. No reports.

DELICATE BEAUTY, HT (Kordes '93). W, no fragrance. Clausen (2 pls 1 yr 4' IL): A classic white bloom, good form, some exhibition blooms, average substance. Growth started slowly, nice medium green foliage, no disease. Next year I can give you a better report. Many rosarians speak well of this variety. I am glad to see a few good whites put on the market. Cullen (1 pl 3 yrs 6' NY): The flower is indeed delicate and beautiful but the plant is robust. Produces dozens of well-formed blooms, usually on single stems. Bloom are rarely more than 4" wide but in my opinion that's no vice. No disease. Hopkins (1pl 3 yrs 4' ON): Creamy white double bloom, high-centred classic exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardy.

DONNA DARLIN', HT (Winchel '93 int '94) (Seedling x Double Delight). RB, yellow blending pink to bright red, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

DYNASTY, HT (Warriner '89 int '91) (Seedling x Seedling). OB, bright orange/yellow blending at base, 30 petals, no fragrance. J&P ROTY '91. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

EDITOR TOMMY CAIRNS, HT (Winchel '91 int '92) (Seedling x Seedling). PB, bright pink/light pink reverse, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

EMPRESS MICHIKO, HT (Dickson int '92). LP, shell pink, fragrant. No reports.

ESME EUVRARD, HT (Kordes '92), W (pale pink). Hopkins (2 pls 2 yrs 5.5' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, excellent substance. Upright growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Better in second year—long lasting, one to a stem. Kopecky (2 pls 2 yrs 5' NE): White but more pink for me, sometimes exhibition but mostly for garden, very good substance. Upright tall grower, no disease, hardiness very good. My plants were blooming fools, producing single-stem blooms all year long in large quantities. Whenever I needed roses for the house I could count on 'Esme' to have some. A very very good rose for me.

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU, HT (Fryer '96). MY, fragrant. Decker (1 pl 1 yr med AK): Large bloom, HT form but split centres, medium substance. Mildews. Only had a few blooms—need to re-evaluate.

FORTUNE TELLER, HT (Warriner & Zary '93 int '95) (Seedling x Heirloom). M, deep mauve-purple, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs tall AK): Dark purple fading lighter, HT type form, single blooms, rather slow to rebloom, medium fragrance. Upright growth habit, fairly healthy. Don't like the color.

GLORY DAYS, HT (Warriner '91) (Seedling x Showstopper). MP, coral-pink blend, 26-40 petals, fragrant. Cadsby (1 pl 3 yrs ON): HT form, spindly stems, not enough bloom - disappointing. Late season blooms better. Hardiness is good. Bill Warriner can do much better. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GOLDEN MOMENTS, HT (Fryer int '91). DY, golden amber, spicy fragrance. Bronze Medal winner Rome 1992. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GRAND ROMANCE, HT (Bridge '90 int '91) (Lady X x Wini Edmunds). MP, medium pink/lighter reverse, 50 petals, moderate fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GREAT SCOTT, HT (Ballin '91 int '92) (Sport of 'Cleo'). MP, rich satin pink, 40+ petals. No reports.

HAT TRICK, HT (Lienau '92 int '93) (First Prize x Seedling). PB, pink/darker pink petal edges and reverse, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

HEAVEN, HT (Warriner '93 int '94) (Honor x First Prize). W, ivory or cream with light pink blend, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Shewchuk (1 pl 3 yrs 3' AB): 4-4.5" bloom, well formed show rose, high-centred form, medium substance, very fragrant. Upright bushy growth habit, large dark matte foliage, very prone to mildew, wintered well with my planting method and 12" peat moss cover. Doubled its growth, vigour and bloom production after being dug out and grown in about a 5 gal. pot above ground. It could be due to warmer soil in the pot.

HIGH SHERIFF, HT (Harkness '92) (Seedling x Silver Jubilee). OR, peachy orange/deeper reddish shading on outside of petals, 15-25 petals, fragrant, Dublin GM 1991. Wood (3 pls 4 yrs 4-5' BC): Excellent HT type, orange outer petals and red centre, great

substance. Tall upright growth habit, great foliage, no disease. Another winner in my garden—what a colour! Repeats extremely well, wonderful garden rose and also exhibition.

HONEST RED, HT (Wambach '91 int '95) (Seedling x Sea Pearl). MR, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): This rose is not honest and a waste of time.

IMAGINATION, HT (Winchel '92 int '93) (Marmalade x Seedling). AB, apricot orange/yellow reverse, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

INDIAN SUMMER (SWEET PERFUME), HT (Pearce int '91). OB, orange/apricot, very fragrant, Glasgow FA 1993. Wood (3 pls 4 yrs 2' BC): The most fragrant rose in my garden, and the colour is super. HT form, OK substance. Short growth habit, sparse foliage, some disease. Not a particularly good looking plant but what a 'scent'—a keeper. (Last year for reporting this rose).

ISOBEL DERBY, HT (Horner '92 int '93) [Champagne Cocktail x {(Honey Favorite x Dr. A.J. Verhage) x Pot o' Gold}]. PB, peach pink/lighter reverse, fruity fragrance. Dublin GM 1994. No reports.

JANE PAULEY, HT (Weddle '92 int '93) (Elizabeth Taylor x Fortune). OB, orange/reverse orange, aging orange pink, 35 petals, moderate fragrance. Cadsby (1 pl 2 yrs 2' ON): Crooked stems, flower won't look you in the eye, HT form, good substance, mid green foliage—hardly grew, needs to be staked. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Poor HT exhibition rose, some mildew, slow grower for me, only 1 bloom and not really great. Maybe next year? Hopkins (2 pls 5 yrs 3' ON): Exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, light green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. This rose has not improved from first year—overall disappointing.

JULIE Y (JULIE YOUELI), HT (Harkness '94). OR, strong fragrance, Orleans GM 1997. Anonymous (by Pauline Hargraves) (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' BC): Gorgeous bright red double bloom, perfect shape, excellent substance, was recently moved so set back. Normal grower, dark green quite plentiful foliage. Enjoyed very much, heavily perfumed.

KAREN BLIXEN (ISIS, SILVER ANNIVERSARY, ROY BLACK, SUSAN BLIXEN), HT (Poulsen '94 int '92) (Seedling x Seedling). W, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

KEVIN, HT (Twomey '98). M, mauve pink, 58 petals. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 3' AB): High-centred form, fade resistant, long lasting,

lots of bloom, very good substance, has tendency to produce sprays rather than single bloom per stem. Neat upright strong bush, large medium green matte foliage.

LACINATION, HT (Twomey '98). DP, 24-28 petals. Shewchuk (1pl 1 yr 3' AB): 4.5" dark pink bloom, ruffled outer petals, informal form, fade resistant, medium substance, good repeat. Robust tall plant, large dark glossy foliage, no disease. Bloom is beautiful and different from the average rose bloom form.

LADY MAVIS PILKINGTON, HT (Kordes '92). YB, yellow/flushed pink/salmon, sweet fragrance. Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 4' BC): Very large exhibition form bloom, flared, listed as YB but looks more OB, good substance. Heavy thorns, dark green foliage, no disease. Very similar to 'Victor Borge' in colour—difference is the many thorns and petals do not quill. Martinich (2 pls BC): A very wicked thorny thing (it must have some 'Neue Revue' in its background), but the blooms are an attractive blend of apricot pink, light pink and a yellow reverse, good centres, repeats very well. Plant is taller than average and the foliage is very glossy. Both plants purchased from England.

LADY MITCHEL, HT (Harkness '90 int '91) (Dr. Darley x Silver Jubilee). MR, deep rose-red, 50 petals, moderate fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

LEANNE RIMES, HT (Harkness '98). PB, 30-35 petals, moderate fragrance. Clausen (4 pls 1 yr 5' IL): Beautiful bloom on sturdy straight stems, some confused centres, fair substance, moderate fragrance. Attractive bush, dark green balanced foliage, very little disease. You never want to judge a variety the first year. The cooler fall days have improved this variety. All four plants have grown 2 ft. the past month.

LEGEND, HT (Warriner '92) (Grand Masterpiece x Seedling). MR, 41+ petals, very fragrant. No reports.

LOUISE ESTES, HT (Winchel '91 int '92) (Seedling x Miss Canada). PB, pink blend/reverse white, 35 petals, fruity fragrance. Hopkins (2 pls 2 yrs 2' ON): I cannot say anything good about my two plants except to say that I received two lousy plants from the nursery.

LOUISANNA (LOUISIANA IN US), HT (Kordes int '92). MP, Sheridan Nursery's Rose of the Year. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs AK): Smallish dark coral-pink bloom, exhibition form, fairly prolific but long between cycles. Mildews. Good cutting rose with good

substance and pleasing colour. Kopecky (1 pl 1 yr 3' NE): Medium large bloom, mostly high-centered, could be exhibition at times, good substance. Upright growth habit, no disease noted, hardiness very good. An improvement on the white 'Louisiana'. Had ample bloom all season long, a good addition to my roses.

LYNN ANDERSON (OH MY GOD), HT (Winchel '93 int '95) (Seedling x Gold Medal). PB, creamy white/edged raspberry pink, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. Brust (2 pls 3 yrs 4' BC): Good blooms but rather slow repeat. No disease. Decker (1 pl 4 yrs AK): Smallish white bloom with pink edgings, exhibition form, not a prolific bloomer but rain-resistant. Lots of foliage but surprisingly disease resistant. Heaslip (3 pls 3 yrs 2'-4' BC): Shimmering white, edged neon pink, some very good exhibition blooms, good substance. Bushy growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease. Three plants: one 2', one 3' and one is 4'; when it is good it is very very good. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 4' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, excellent foliage, no disease. Best new rose received from Hortico. Classic blooms—this rose looks very promising. Samarin (1 pl 2 yrs tall BC): Creamy white, edged in medium pink, fairly large, exhibition form bloom, good substance. Tall grower, good foliage, no disease. I really like the colour combination. Bush is establishing itself well in the mixed garden bed. Martinich (2 pls 1 & 2 yrs BC): The older plant is from a vigorous potted plant purchased at a local nursery and this year has reached six feet; the last specimen was planted in the spring as a bare-root plant. This is a good exhibition variety; size of bloom is large and of exhibition form. Blooms are white, becoming pink along the outer edges of the petals, reverse is all white. Foliage is pale green and very healthy.

MAGGIE BARRY, HT (McGredy '95 int '93) (Louise Gardner x West Coast). PB, salmon edged orange, 35 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

MARY JEAN (MARY-JEAN), HT (Harkness '90 int '91) (Dr.Darley x Amber Queen). AB, amber-apricot, 37 petals, sweet fragrance. Sprachlan (1 pl 1 yr 18" BC): Fair substance, quite bushy plant but smallish. Deep green foliage, no disease, hardiness OK so far. A bit disappointing—slow starter. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MEMOIRE (ICE CREAM), HT (Kordes int '92). W, 35 petals, fragrant, Belfast GM 1994. Cadsby (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): Pure white, show type—exhibition form, good substance. Medium green

foliage, hardiness is good. Best new exhibition white to come along in years. Hay (1 pl 1 yr 3' BC): Huge blooms, exhibition form, excellent substance, not too many but it's a young plant. Bushy growth habit, large deep green foliage, no disease, hardy. Could be the best white yet—colour, form, leaves are excellent. Slight perfume. Must find room for another! Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 4' BC): Very large blooms, some exhibition, very good substance, prolific. Strong grower, dark green foliage, no disease. A vase of 5 of these magnificent fragrant blooms is one of my favourite memories of the '98 growing season! Hopkins (2 pls 3 yrs 3' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. Just another white rose—not outstanding. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 2' ON): Lovely pure white bloom, exhibition form, frilly when fully open, excellent substance. Short growth habit, shiny green foliage, some rust, some fragrance. New this year—at present overshadowed by 'Sheer Bliss' but seems ready to grow.

MIDAS TOUCH, HT (Christensen '92 int '94) (Brandy x Friesensohne). DY, 15-25 petals, fragrant, AARS '94. Shewchuk (1 pl 5 yrs 2' AB): 4" bloom, very bright deep yellow, medium-low round centred form, good substance, fade resistant, good repeat, light fragrance. Thin weak canes, dark semi-glossy foliage, no disease. Has lost vigour every year—I believe the rootstock is not hardy. Others of Canadian and Scottish origin growing alongside are doing very well.

MISTY DELIGHT, HT (Christensen '90 int '91) (Blue Wonder x Seedling). MP, 35 petals. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MOUNT HOOD (FOSTER'S WELLINGTON CUP), HT (McGredy '88 int '91) (Sexy Remy x Pot O'Gold). W, 60 petals, quite fragrant, NZ GM '92, AARS '96. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs AK): Smallish white bloom but in small to very large clusters—needs to be staked if rainy. Probably the best white (ivory) grandiflora for prolific long lasting blooms. Too bad it didn't have the fragrance of 'White Lightning'. Kopecky (1 pl 3 yrs 3' NB): Garden variety bloom, very good substance. Bushy growth habit, some blackspot, hardiness very good. 'Mount Hood' grew better this year as did all my roses. It bloomed all season long but there are better whites and better Gr's. Shewchuk (1 pl 3 yrs 3' AB): 3.5" bloom, decorative form, good substance, lots of bloom, good repeat. Upright spreading growth habit, medium green glossy foliage, no disease, had 2 plants 3 yrs ago. After the first wintering they lost a lot of

vigour. I potted one and left the other in the rose beds with the other roses. The one in the rose bed did not survive another winter. The potted one that was buried and repotted in the spring has done very well. Another case, I believe, of the rootstock not hardy for our winters. Thompson (1 pl 3 yrs AB): White bloom, HT style, give it full sun and fertilizer, and it will give nice sprays that hold well. Healthy. (Last year for reporting this rose).

OPENING NIGHT, HT (Zary '98) (Olympiad x Ingrid Bergman). DR, bright deep red, 25-28 petals, slight fragrance, AARS '98. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Medium dark red, exhibition form, little if any fragrance. Got only 1 bloom cycle, about 10 blooms—need to evaluate next year. Grobel (1 pl 1 yr 3' AB): 4.5" bloom, high-centred form, good substance, does not fade, nice light sweet fragrance, repeats well. Tall grower with vigorous canes, medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. Bloom lasts up to 2 weeks. Laberge (20 pls 1 yr 120 cm QC): True bright red, pointed buds, 10 cm bloom, exhibition form, 1 bloom per stem, good substance. Erect growth habit, dark green foliage, veined red, light blackspot in September, needs winter protection. Long strong stems but not a bushy plant, good cut rose, a bit slow growing. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 3' AB): 4.5" bloom, high-centred form, very good substance, light fragrance, fade resistant, long lasting, good repeat. Tall neat bush, large thick medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease. Looks like it may be a nice dark red rose worthy of adding to any rose bed.

PARIS de YVES ST. LAURENT, HT (Meilland '95 int '92) ('Silva' sport). DP, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

PEACE OF VEREENIGING (CLEOPATRA, KLEOPATRE), HT (Kordes '92). RB. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' ON): Red with yellow centre, double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Compact grower, fair foliage, some blackspot and mildew, hardiness is good. No improvement in second year.

PERFECT MOMENT (JACK DAYSON), HT (Kordes '89 int '91) (New Day x Seedling). RB, red on outer half of petals, yellow on inner/reverse yellow with red blushing, slight fragrance, AARS '91. Baillie (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): Exhibition form, some confused centres, very good substance. Slow growth habit, good foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Just another rose! Good colour. Decker (3 pls 8 yrs AK): Vivid coloured rose with orange and yellow and deeper shading of red, HT form, rain-resistant. Mildews. Will grow just for the colour—not particularly prolific. Shewchuk

(1 pl 8 yrs 3' AB): 4.5-5" bloom, cupped form, good substance, bloom on long stems, good repeat. Large medium green glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Has done remarkably well for 8 years. (Last year for reporting this rose).

PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL, HT (Dorieux '92) (Osiria x Pharaoh). RB, strawberry red/white reverse, 26-40 petals, fragrant. No reports.

PRETORIA, HT (Kordes '92). DP. Hopkins (2 pls 3 yrs 5' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, excellent substance. Upright grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Excellent long lasting blooms, lovely cut blooms.

RECONCILIATION, HT (Harkness '95). AB, apricot, very fragrant.. Cullen (1 pl 3 yrs 6' NY): Excellent substance, spreading growth habit, no disease. The first two years I had this plant it went unnoticed. This year it began producing some of the loveliest, if rather large, blooms of an enchanting buff-apricot-pink—and everyone notices it. Are we reconciled? Certainly at least for an additional year's trial. Galli (1 pl 1 yr 4'x1' ON): True apricot colour, crisp, large bloom, many petals, mostly singles. Exhibition form, excellent substance. Upright full bushy growth habit, medium dark green abundant foliage, no disease. Very fragrant. Still a young rose but a definite keeper on scent alone.

REGATTA (PRESTIGE DE LYON, PENNY COELEN, 21 AGAIN!), HT (Meilland '94 int '92) [MEIgurami x (MEInaregi x MEIdragelac)]. LP, 26-40 petals, fragrant, Geneva FA 1989. No reports.

REGINA, HT (Twomey '97). DR, light sweet fragrance. Grobel (1 pl 1 yr 3' AB): 4" bloom, high-centred form, very good substance, medium repeat, light fragrance. Leathery shiny foliage, requires winter protection. Brian Porter (1 pl 2 yrs 15" SK): Exhibition form, good substance, opens very quickly. Compact growth habit, dark green foliage, large leaflets, no disease, hardiness OK with protection. My plant died to below ground level and was very slow to start growth—thought it was dead. It produced more blooms and a stronger plant than it did in its first year. Would still like more blooms. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 3' AB): 3.5-4" bloom, high-centred form, very good substance, long lasting, medium repeat, light sweet fragrance. Tall healthy neat bush, large thick medium green semi-

glossy foliage, no disease.

RENAISSANCE, HT (F in England) (Harkness '94). W, white with pale pink, 23-37 petals, fragrant, Belfast FA 1995, Glasgow FA 1996. Allen (1 pl 2 yrs 6' BC): White with pink tone, large bloom, cleanly shaped form, not many blooms but fantastic scent, excellent substance. V-shaped growth habit, dark green shiny foliage, blackspot towards end of season, very hardy. Healthiest and strongest rose in garden—was a gift. Ladouceur (2 pls 4 & 2 yrs 3.5 & 3' BC): Fully double bloom, nice ovoid bloom, excellent substance, fills bush with bloom continually, excellent fragrant. Vigorous growth habit, nice glossy green foliage, very hardy. This is one of my favourite roses. Wood (3 pls 3 yrs 3' BC): Double petalled bloom, scented, excellent substance. Upright growth habit, excellent foliage, no disease. If you like 'Margaret Merrill' you'll like this one!

RENATA TEBALDI, HT (Delbard). OB. Webster (2 pls 2 yrs 47" ON): Rich velvety orange overlaid with red in June, good enough to eat, exhibition form, good substance. Typical Delbard rose—exhibition worthy. Not quite enough bloom during summer—may be due to shade in my garden.

RINA HUGO, HT (Dorieux '93). DP, magenta. Hopkins (2 pls 1 yr 3' ON): Purplish-pink double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, some blackspot. What a beautiful surprise—this rose is gorgeous!

RIO SAMBA, HT (Warriner '91 int '93) (Seedling x Sunbright). YB, medium yellow fading to peach-pink, 26-28 petals, light fragrance, AARS '93. Shewchuk (1 pl 6 yrs 2.5' AB): 4-4.5" bloom, medium high-centred exhibition form, good substance, light fragrance, good repeat. Neat upright grower, large dark semi-glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

RITA MACNEILL, HT (McGredy '96). OR, vibrant orange-red. Graber (1 pl 2 yrs 4' ON): Luminescent orange-red, decorative form, good substance, lots of bloom all summer long. Upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease with spray, hardy for me.

SAINT PATRICK (ST. PATRICK), HT (Strickland '91 int '95). YB, Greenish yellow, 35-36 petals, AARS '96. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs 4' AK): Medium yellow with greenish buds, exhibition form, sparse blooms and little fragrance. Am thinking I should try a new plant! Grobel (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): Large buds nicely shaped, 4.5" bloom,

very attractive bright greenish yellow, high-centred form, long lasting for up to 2 weeks, repeats well. Strong upright growth habit, medium green shiny foliage, no disease, requires winter protection. A very showy rose in our garden. Hopkins (2 pls 2 yrs 3' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease. My plants just won't grow—I paid for #1 roses and received #2. Martinich (2 pls 1 & 2 yrs BC): I have two specimens of this, the first one was planted two years ago as a miserable little pencil-like thing and has required two years to start to produce some reasonable growth. The second bush, planted this spring, was purchased as an extremely healthy potted plant from a local nursery. This plant produced good heavy growth (not too tall) and numerous medium yellow exhibition blooms. St. Patrick produces large blooms, fairly high petal count, high pointed centre but the petals do not reflex like 'Berolina'. Unfortunately, the blooms seem to dislike dampness. Nevertheless, I would say this one is a good exhibition variety when growing conditions are right. Shewchuk (2 pls 3 yrs 3' AB): Large pointed bud, 4-5" bloom, high-centred exhibition form, excellent substance. Long lasting, fade resistant, good repeat, very showy. Strong upright bush, medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, does not winter well when planted and protected as others are—does best when grown in a container and buried in late fall. I am convinced this is due to rootstock that is not hardy.

SALLY'S ROSE, HT (Cants '94 RNRS) (Amber Queen x Remember Me). PB, 15-25 petals. No reports.

SASKATOON, HT (Twomey '97). Smoky rose, 28-32 petals. Grobel (1 pl 2 yrs 4.5' AB): Bluish smoky rose, 4" bloom, high-centred form, good substance, repeats well. Strong grower, medium green shiny foliage, needs winter protection. An odd colour for a rose but very nice. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 4' AB): 4" bloom, high-centred exhibition form, good substance, good repeat. Vigorous upright grower, medium green glossy foliage, no disease, winters well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

SCHWARZE MADONNA (BARRY FEARN), HT (Kordes '92). DR, velvety dark red, darker edges, 40-45 petals, slight fragrance. Cadsby (1 pl 2 yrs 2' ON): Blooms singly on fair stem, HT form, good substance. Upright growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A surprise—a rose that actually grew and had a bloom—one bloom! Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 5' BC): Small

bloom but perfect with low centre, exhibition form, very good substance. Slender grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Very dark red, velvety petals will sunburn at edges if in direct sun—worth finding a spot in filtered sun. Hopkins (2 pls 4 yrs 5.5' ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Upright growth habit, reddish green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Somewhat small bloom but a very lovely rose bush. Kopecky (2 pls 4 yrs 4' NE): Smallish bloom with some high centers, excellent substance. Tall upright grower, some blackspot, hardiness very good. Wish the bloom were a bit bigger. My plants were constantly in bloom all season long. Though not an exhibition rose this one is a good garden rose to have. Martinich (1 pl 1 yr 3.5' BC): Appropriate name (German name means black Madonna) as the blooms are very dark red, almost black, and of smallish size. Blooms last a long time on the bush. First year plant is 3.5' and foliage is good. Stanton (1 pl 4 yrs 6' BC): Lovely symmetrical bloom, small, exhibition form, excellent substance. Tall slender growth habit, shiny dark foliage, little if any disease, hardiness is good. Still as handsome a red rose as I've seen. Thompson (3 pls 2 yrs BC): Black-red medium size bloom, full sun. Strong vigorous grower, mildew-prone. Williams (1 pl 2 yrs 3 & 5 ft BC): Small bloom, very dark red, a nice flower arranger's rose, good exhibition form, good substance. Slow to establish, blackspot ruins foliage, hardiness OK so far. I love the velvety appearance and perfect form of this rose but the bush continues to be very sparse and blooms are infrequent. Wood (4 pls 4 yrs 4' BC): Small very dark red open bloom, OK substance. Tall upright grower, foliage OK, tendency to mildew. Have to keep a watch on this one for mildew, but blooms last a long time and repeat well.

SECRET, HT (D. Tracy '92 int '94) (Pristine x Friendship). PB, light pink/edged deep pink, 30-40 petals, very fragrant. Decker (2 pls 6' AK): White with pink edging, HT exhibition form, very fragrant and somewhat rain-resistant, some mildew. Is one of my favourites—could have more blooms. Shewchuk (1 pl 5 yrs 2.5' AB): 4-4.5" bloom, high-centred exhibition form, blooms on long stems, good substance, very spicy fruity fragrance. Neat upright bush, medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease. Had lost some vigour every year and has given up this year. I suspect it is caused by rootstock that is not hardy. Others alongside, of Canadian and Scottish origin, are doing very well.

SIGNATURE, HT (J & P '96). DP, 30 petals. No reports.

SPECIAL MERIT, HT (Wambach '90 int '93) (Seedling x First

Prize). MR, 30 petals. No reports.

SPECIAL OCCASION, HT (Fryer '95). OB, Genoa GM 1995. Wood (3 pls 1 yr 2.5' BC): Very pretty bloom, HT type, lovely colour, good substance. Good foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Still too early to comment well on this one.

SPICED COFFEE (VIDAL SASSOON, OLD SPICE) HT (McGredy '90 int '91) (Harmonie x Big Purple). R, pale lavender, brown overtones, 15-25 petals, very fragrant. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

STAINLESS STEEL, HT (Carruth '91 int '96) (Blue Nile x Silverado). M, silvery grey lavender, 26-40 petals, fragrant. No reports.

STRAWBERRY PARFAIT (IMPERATRICE FARAH), HT (Delbard '92). RB. No reports.

THE McCARTNEY ROSE (PAUL McCARTNEY, SWEET LADY), HT (Meilland '95 int '91) [(Nirvana x Papa Meilland) x First Prize]. MP, glowing pink, 26-40 petals, very fragrant, Geneva GM 1988, LeRoelx GM & FA 1988, Monza GM & FA 1988, Madrid FA 1988, Paris GM 1988, Bagatelle FA 1988, Belfast FA 1993, Durbanville FA 1993, Paris FA 1993. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 4.5' ON): Double bloom, garden form, good substance. Upright but spreading growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Only saving grace it has a lovely fragrance. (Last year for reporting this rose).

THE TEMPTATIONS, HT (Winchel '90 int '93) (Paradise x Admiral Rodney). PB, pink/lavender/slight white marbling/medium pink reverse, 35 petals, fruity fragrance. ARC GM '89. No reports.

TIMELESS, HT (K. Zary '96) (Seedling x Kardinal). DP, rose-red, 25 petals, very fragrant. AARS '97. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs AK): HT form, relatively rain resistant, bushy growth habit, disease resistant. Nice colour and plant—even in a pot.

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, HT (Meilland '94 int '93) [Ambassador x (King's Ransom x Sunblest)]. MY, 41+ petals, no fragrance, Monza FA 1993. Cullen (1 pl 3 yrs 4-5' NY): This is a bright but not vulgar yellow, much appreciated by visitors and (finally) by me. A yellow cabbage, some would say; and the form is certainly casual (if not strictly, as marketed, "old-fashioned") and wonderfully voluptuous. The bush is upright and a bit stiff, like many HT's, but unlike many other Romantica roses it doesn't sprawl.

UNFORGETTABLE, HT (Warriner '91 int '92) (Honor x American Dawn). MP, medium pink/hint of lavender, 35 petals, very fragrant. J&P ROTY '92. No reports.

VANCOUVER, HT (Twomey '98). LP, 12-15 petals, very fragrant. Shewchuk (1 pl 1 yr 2' AB): 5.5" bloom, cupped medium open form, 12-15 large petals, very good substance. Large thick medium green glossy foliage, no disease.

VICTOR BERGE (MICHAEL CRAWFORD), HT (Poulsen '91). OB, peachy/salmon/orange, yellow reverse, 35 petals, light fragrance. Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 5' BC): Petals are gold at base, quilled, becoming apricot then orange, large exhibition bloom, good substance. Strong grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Similar to 'Lady Mavis Pilkington' in colour, except for the quilled petals and lacking the very heavy thorns seen on the stems of Lady Mavis. Hopkins (3 pls 5 yrs 5' ON): Double bloom, blend of peach, salmon, orange and yellow, exhibition form, good substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, some blackspot, hardy. A standout. Kopecky (1 pl 2 yrs 3' NE): Large high-centred bloom, very good substance. Upright growth habit, no disease so far, hardiness very good. Colour is outstanding and the plant grew as it should the second year. This rose seems to be getting better—next year it should be a winner. Wood (3pls 1 yr 3' BC): Perfect HT bloom, must be good exhibition rose—many petals, OK substance, OK foliage. Like the colour—a little stingy with the blooms. (Last year for reporting this rose).

VICTORIA PARK (QUINTET), HT (int by Hortico). OP, salmon pink. Kopecky (1 pl 2 yrs 30" NE): Mostly exhibition form, very good substance. Upright growth habit, no disease noted, hardiness very good. This rose produced better the second year which is true with Canadian roses. It should be a real winner next season.

WARM WISHES (SUNSET CELEBRATION, CHANTOLI, EXOTIC), HT (Fryer '94). OP, soft apricot, 35-48 petals, very fragrant, Belfast GM 1996, Golden Rose of the Hague 1997, AARS '98. Clausen (2 pls 1 yr 3.5' IL): Fat buds, exhibition blooms, very good form and substance. Average growth habit, glossy dark green foliage, no disease. I look for this rose to be a valuable addition for many rose growers. As a cut flower it makes beautiful bouquets—the bloom has such a clean colour. Decker (2 pls 1 yr AK): Apricot/orange, exhibition type bloom, fairly large and holds color, some fragrance. Disease resistant—needs more evaluation. Galli (1 pl 1

yr 2'x1' ON): Orange-pink with shades of apricot, double bloom, approximately 15 blooms for 1st year, mostly singles, exhibition form, excellent substance, very fragrant. Upright stiff growth habit, abundant dark green foliage, no disease. Still too young of rose to rate properly but so far so good. Graber (1 pl 1 yr ON): Lovely deep orange-pink, glowing apricot in fall, pointed exhibition form, excellent substance, good repeat, still blooming in November. Upright grower, dark green matte foliage, no disease. Fragrant! We all fell in love with this rose at The Hague in 1997. It became a 'must have'. Its original name fits it exactly—'Warm Wishes'. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 2' ON): What can you say when you receive a very weak plant—it did nothing! Laberge (20 pls 1 yr 1m QC): Bloom diameter 11.5 cm, apricot blushed yellow and orange, exhibition form, recurrent, excellent substance, perfumed. Vigorous grower, green foliage, coppery young shoots, disease resistant, needs winter protection. Winner of 8 international awards—spectacular—a promising rose. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): 4.5-5" bloom, quartered form, medium substance, good repeat, very fragrant. Neat tall grower, large medium green matte foliage. Wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

GRANDIFLORAS

CARIBBEAN, Gr (Kordes'92 int '94) [Mercedes x (New Day x Seedling)]. AB, apricot/orange/yellow blend, 45—50 petals, light fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 5' BC): Delightful blend of colours, good form and substance, mostly singles, prolific bloomer for a 1st year plant. Vigorous bushy grower, large dark green semi-glossy foliage, many prickles, no disease. Give it lots of room and you will like its performance. Decker (1 pl 5 yrs AK): Smallish orange and yellow bloom, garden form, mostly singles, not a prolific bloomer, mildews. Grobel (1 pl 4 yrs 2.5' AB): Orange with yellow reverse, 4" bloom, medium substance, lots of bloom, good repeat, very light fragrance. Medium green semi-glossy foliage, requires winter protection. I like the many single blooms on long stems. Shewchuk (2 pls 5 yrs 2.5' AB): 4.5" bloom, medium high-centred form, fairly good substance, lots of bloom, good repeat. Most blooms borne singly on long stems. Bushy medium growth habit, medium green semi-glossy foliage, had some mildew this year, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

ETERNITY, Gr (Twomey '91) (Gitte x Seedling). RB, rich red/cream bicolour, 34 petals, light fragrance. Decker (1 pl 1 yr 4' AK): Red/cream colour, exhibition form, mostly singles and small clusters, could bloom more, some mildew. Bad year to evaluate—

had a few nice blooms. Hay (1 pl 4 yrs 5' BC): Wonderful colour, luminous shading, exhibition form, good substance. Moderate grower, medium green foliage, blackspot, hardiness fair. Really came through this year—many lovely blooms and much more vigorous. Winter protection seems to be the answer. Pickett (2 pls 3 yrs 2' MB): Good form and substance, blooms in clusters, repeats well, best this year that it has ever been. Neat bush, glossy foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Have never had any trouble with this rose but this past summer, with the weather we received, all roses seemed to flower more often. Shewchuk (1 pl 5 yrs 2' AB): 4" bloom, high-centred exhibition form, good substance, in clusters of up to 4 blooms, light fragrance. Dark glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. (Last year for reporting this rose).

FAME (FAME!), Gr (Zary '98). DP, 26 petals, AARS '98. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Deep pink bloom, fairly prolific in cycles, disease resistant. Needs more evaluation. Laberge (10 pls 1 yr 1m QC): Rich glowing shiny deep pink, Hybrid Tea buds, bloom diameter 11.5 cm, decorative form, excellent substance, 3 to 5 flowers per cluster, recurrent. Vigorous upright growth habit, dark green foliage—purple new shoots, disease resistant, needs winter protection. Promising new cultivar—spectacular bloom! Thompson (BC): One big display (though long-holding) in late July is NOT enough!!

HEART OF GOLD, Gr (McGredy '95). YB, 35-40 petals, strong fragrance. Haracka (1 pl 1 yr BC): Deep gold surrounded by cerise pink, medium-full bloom, well formed flower, strong fragrance. Tall upright grower, medium green foliage, very prone to mildew, hardiness is good. Best colour with some heat, larger flower size in cooler conditions.

PROUD MARY, Gr (Twomey '91 [(Sarabande x Marina) x Royalty). OR, brilliant scarlet-red, 22 petals, moderate Damask fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

QUAKER STAR, Gr (F in England) (Dickson '91 int '92) (Anisley Dickson x Seedling). OP, orange with silver reverse, 40+ petals, no fragrance. No reports.

REBA McENTYRE, Gr (McGredy '97). OB, NZ GM '94. Decker (AK): very bright flamingo orange, smallish bloom and in small clusters; only had a couple of clusters, decorative form, fair to good substance. Disease resistant, bright colour—hopefully will be better next year.

SHINING HOUR, Gr (Warriner '89 int '91) (Sunbright x Sun Flare). DY, deep bright yellow, 35 petals, moderate fruity fragrance, AARS '91. Decker (AK): Medium-sized HT type blooms, singles, can be prolific in flushes, no fragrance. Short plant and short stems, quite disease resistant, long time between cycles. Shewchuk (1 pl 8 yrs 1.5' AB): 4.5" bloom, Blooms borne singly and occasionally in sprays of 3 to 5, good substance, medium repeat, light fruity fragrance. Has regained some vigour that it had lost in the last 2 years—could be that it now has its own roots and abandoned the not-so-hardy rootstock. Will dig it up in spring and investigate. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SOLITUDE, Gr (Olesen '91 int '92) (Selfridges x Seedling). OB, brilliant orange/touches of yellow, 35 petals, slight fruity fragrance, AARS '93. No reports.

SPELLCASTER, Gr (Warriner '91 int '92) (Seedling x Angel Face). M, lavender and deep mauve, 35-40 petals, fragrant. No reports.

VIOLA LOUGHEED, Gr (Larry Lougheed '97 CAN) (Pristine x Peter Frankenfeld). PB, deep rose/lighter base and reverse. Heaslip (3 pls 2 yrs 5-6' BC): Nicely flared bloom, velvety deep rose petals, lighter pink base and reverse, exhibition form, very good substance. Bushy grower, large medium green foliage, no disease. Very impressed with the prolific showing of bloom in September.

FLORIBUNDAS

ATCO ROYAL, F (Fryer '94). MY, 26-28 petals. Decker (2 pls 3 yrs AK): Medium yellow, HT type form, excellent substance. Disease resistant. Very nice rose and lots of small to medium clusters this year, relatively rain-resistant, could cycle better. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' AB): 3.5" bloom, medium yellow, darker yellow towards centre, cupped form, very good substance, long lasting, stands up well to rain and sun, good repeat. Well shaped bush, medium dark green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

ATLANTIC STAR, F (Fryer '93). OP, glowing salmon orange coral. No reports.

BETTY BOOP, F (Carruth '99). RB, single, AARS '99. White (1 pl 1 yr 3' BC): Creamy-yellow/red edges, single bloom (6-12 petals), decorative form, good substance. Balanced growth, mid-dark green foliage, disease—so far, so good. Prolific bloom, self-cleaning. One of the last to bloom—late in autumn.

BLUEBERRY HILL, F (Carruth '97). M, medium lilac, fragrant. Cullen (1 pl 2 yrs 3' NY): A beautiful mauve-pink, but what really sets this rose apart is the glorious boss of golden stamens. So far it's a small to medium shrub, and is a superb companion to perennials in the border. Like many single or near-single roses, it profits from a bit of shade. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs med AK): Light lavender, large blooms, almost single with a light stripe, fair to good substance. Disease resistant. Small clusters and some fragrance, but not prolific or quick to repeat.

BRASS BAND, F (Christensen '93 into '94) (Gold Badge x Seedling). AB, deep apricot/yellow eye and reverse, 40 petals, sweet fragrance. AARS '95. Grobel (1 pl 4 yrs 2' AB): 4" bloom, light orange, sweet fragrance, lots of bloom, very good substance. Strong low bush, dark shiny foliage, needs winter protection. Bloom does not fade and outlasts most of the roses in the garden. Samarin (1 pl 3 yrs med BC): Apricot-orange with a yellow reverse, double ruffled blooms of medium size, decorative form, excellent substance. Slender medium tall grower, glossy foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A favorite of mine and visitors to the garden—an outstanding rose with its glorious blooms all summer long. Shewchuk (1 pl 4 yrs 2' AB): 4.5" bloom, slightly ruffled petals, pleasant medium fragrance, excellent substance, slow to repeat. Bloom outlasts all other roses, even through rain and sun, does not fade easily. Strong upright canes, large dark glossy foliage, no disease. Had 2 plants—lost one last year, one plant survived but lost a lot of vigour—could be due to rootstock that is not hardy for our winters.

CATHEDRAL SPLENDOUR, F (Harkness '96, int '95). OP, (c/s coral and/or salmon in U.K.), 18 large petals, very fragrant. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Cupped medium-sized bloom, small clusters, some fragrance, holds colour, could use more petals. Healthy. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' AB): Coral and salmon bloom, 4.5", single bloom on long stems, delightful fragrance, good repeat. Cupped form, good substance. Upright strong-caned grower, large dark glossy foliage. Wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

CHARISMA, F (Pearce '92). AB, light apricot with touches of salmon. No reports.

CHARTER 700, F (Fryer int '93). MY, bright sparkling yellow. No reports.

COLUMBUS, F (Carruth '90 int '91) (Seedling x Bridal Pink). DP, deep rose pink, 28 petals. No reports. (Last year for reporting

this rose).

CONQUEST, F (Harkness '94) (Dame of Sark x Bright Smile). MY, 30 petals, light spicy fragrance. Ladouceur (1 pl 3 yrs 3' BC): Butter yellow, double bloom, decorative form, petals are reflexed slightly, excellent substance, holds colour well in sun, repeat bloomer. Thick and wide bush, dark green foliage, very hardy. Has the most blooms of all my roses, very healthy, a bit of a devil to prune its thick stems. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' AB): 2.5" small bloom, high-centred exhibition form, good substance, light fragrance, good repeat. Medium green glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

DAY LIGHT (DAYLIGHT), F (Ilsink '92 int '91) (Seedling x New Year). AB, apricot-yellow, apricot and light pink reverse, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

FELLOWSHIP (LIVIN' EASY), F (Harkness '92) (Southampton x Remember Me). OB, glowing Spanish orange, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance, RNRS Gold Medal 1990, AARS '96. Cadsby (1 pl 2 yrs 22" ON): Glorious plentiful bloom, semi-double, very good substance. Growth habit: perfect symmetry, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. One of the most admired roses in my garden—would like more—best new floribunda. Grobel (1 pl 4 yrs 3' AB): Apricot-orange, 4" bloom, good substance, light fragrance, repeats very well and lots of bloom all summer. Neat upright bush, dark shiny foliage, needs winter protection. McPhee (1 pl 1 yr 30" BC): Orange-pink, very floriferous, very clean form, excellent substance, never without bloom all summer. Vase-shaped bush, shiny dark green thick leaves, resistant to all diseases. Fragrance 2-3 out of a possible 5. Shewchuk (2 pls 5 & 3 yrs AB): Apricot-orange, ovoid pointed bud, 4" bloom, slightly ruffled informal form, good substance, lots of bloom, very good repeat, light fruity fragrance. Nicely rounded upright growth habit, dark glossy foliage, no disease, winters well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. One of the more showy roses in the garden. Spracklan (1 pl 1 yr 2' BC): Deepish pink, not a tight bloom—a little straggly, but very nice and very fragrant, substance good. Vigorous growth habit, on open side, deepish green very clean foliage, hardiness very good. I like it. This rose stands out among all my others as I walk down each morning into my rose garden.

FIRST KISS, F (Warriner '91) (Sun Flare x Simplicity). LP, delicate light pink/light yellow blend at base, 15-25 petals, slight

fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

FLAIR, F (Dickson int '93). YB, yellow centres with orange halo. Glasgow GM 1995. No reports.

GOLD MAGIC, F (Christensen '90 int '91) (Gold Badge x Friesensohne). DY, golden yellow, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GOOD MORNING, F (Fryer '95). OB, apricot/yellow. Decker (1 pl 1 yr 30" AK): Small bloom but in large clusters, HT type form, some mildew. Blooms tended to ball in our cool rain, and slow to open if at all. Will re-evaluate. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 2' AB): orange-apricot blend, 3" bloom, small high-centred exhibition form, in sprays of up to 4 blooms, good repeat, good substance. Medium dark glossy foliage, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Would be a tremendous rose if the bush was more robust up to 3' in height.

GREAT ORMOND STREET, F (Beales int '91). Golden yellow with golden brown anthers, 24 petals, fragrant. McLean (1 pl 1 yr 30 cm BC): Pale yellow, fading to white, 5 cm diameter bloom, semi-double clusters, repeat bloomer. Good growth, short stems, mid-green foliage, some mildew. Survived one winter. Wood (3 pls 3 yrs 2.5' BC): Medium size HT type bloom but 'white', many petalled, tendency to ball. More HT than F, good substance. Medium upright growth habit, good foliage, OK for disease, hardiness OK. It just didn't perform in my garden—not an attractive plant, small sprays and poor repeat. Dug them up! (Last year for reporting this rose).

GUY DE MAUPASSANT, F (Meilland '96 int '95) [(MEI)turaphar x Mrs. John Laing) x Egekov]. MP, 41-50 petals, very fragrant. Cullen (2 pls 3 yrs 4' NY): Until this year I thought this rose a second-rate imitation of English Roses, but it finally came into its own. Extraordinary production on a handsome, well-mannered shrub. Individual flowers are pretty enough but not exceptional; the excellence is in the whole gestalt. Little fragrance—unfortunately.

JULIE ANDREWS, F (Fryer '92). OP, (c/s coral and/or salmon in UK), salmon/orange/yellow. No reports.

KATELYN ANN, F (M. Williams '92 int '91) (Seedling x Seedling). MP, deep pink/reverse pale pink/ hint of yellow, 60 petals, heavy fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

L'AIMANT, F (Harkness int '94). MP, fragrant, Paris FA 1991, Edland FA 1992. Anonymous (by Pauline Hargraves) (3 yrs 3' BC): Pale light pink, medium-sized bloom, fine form, good substance. Lots of healthy medium green foliage, beautiful strong scent. Enjoyed very much—Coty perfume! Cullen (3 pls 1-3 yrs NY): I continue to be enthusiastic about this rose. Heaslip (1 pl 3 yrs 3.5' BC): Scalloped edge to petals, decorative form, good sprays, good substance, very fragrant, looks like OGR. Medium green matte foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. 3rd year better growth. Ladouceur (2 pls 4 yrs 3.5' BC): Tremendous bloom, very double, show form, excellent substance, large clusters, very fragrant. Vigorous bush, dark green shiny foliage, hardiness very good after its 1st winter - until then susceptible to cold. One of the best roses grown. Wood (3 pls 3 yrs 4' BC): Medium sprays, open petalled, very scented, substance OK. Tall upright grower, OK foliage, no disease. Nice rose for the garden—good repeat.

LEONARDO DE VINCI, F (Meilland '94 int '93) [Sommerwind x (Mirose x Rosamunde)]. LP, Bengal pink, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. Monza GM 1993. No reports.

LLOYDS OF LONDON , F (Cants '91). OB, yellow/orange reverse. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MELODY MAKER, F (Dickson '90 int '91) (Anisley Dickson x Wishing). OR, light orange/silver reverse, slight fragrance. RNRS ROTY '91. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MR. J.C.B. (MISTER JOSEPH CYRIL BAMFORD), F (Dickson '93) (Bright Smile x Unnamed Seedling x Allgold). DY, sulphur yellow with touch of red on reverse. Rome Trial 1992 GM, Baden-Baden Silver Medal. No reports.

MRS. IRIS CLOW, F (Harkness '93 int '94) (Memento x Princess Alice). LP, blush pink/light pink reverse, 28 petals, moderate spicy fragrance. Anonymous (by Pauline Hargraves) (1 pl 1 yr 2' BC): Pale pink (apricot), plenty of bloom, good substance, healthy, delicate perfume. Nice shape but not very big, medium green shiny foliage, hardiness OK so far. Would have liked it bigger but must realize it's the 1st year. Clow (1 pl 2 yrs 3.5' BC): Pale to medium pink, very profuse, continual bloom, substance excellent, very healthy. Vigorous growth habit—manageable, mid- green abundant foliage. On a scale of 1-10, I give it 7 points—its perfume gives much pleasure, plus its abundance of bloom and its very healthy growing habit.

NEON LIGHTS, F (Warriner '91 int '92) (Intrigue x Impatient). DP, hot magenta-pink, 15-25 petals, fragrant. Decker (4 pls 8 yrs AK): Bright loosely double blooms of electric pink. One of my favourites for colour and has some fragrance. Fairly healthy and rain resistant.

NEW HORIZON, F (Dickson int '91). OB, salmon shaded yellow and pink, slight fragrance. Belfast GM 1993. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

OCTAVIA HILL, F (Harkness '93 int '95) (Armada x Cornelia). MP, 75 petals, moderate Damask fragrance. McLean (1 pl 1 yr 30 ft BC): Profuse clusters of pink double 5 cm blooms, repeats. Bush 100 cm x 40 cm, strong substance. Sturdy stems, mid-green foliage, survived one winter. Excellent performance for initial year.

ORIGAMI (YOUNG AT HEART), F (Christensen '87 int '91) (Coquette x Zorina). PB, 25 petals, spicy fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

PEACEMAKER (UNITED NATIONS ROSE), F (Harkness '94 int '95) (Dame of Sark x Bright Smile). PB, apricot-salmon, 30 petals, light spicy fragrance. Decker (1 pl 1 yr 2-3' AK): HT shape, small to medium clusters, excellent substance, seems always to be in bloom. Very nice rose, healthy plant, little scent. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' AB): 3" bloom, small high-centred exhibition form, good substance, good repeat, light spicy fragrance. Medium dark glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

PEPPERMINT TWIST, F (Christensen '92 int '92) (Pinstripe x Maestro). RB, red/white/pink striped, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

PRIDE OF MALDON, F (Harkness '90 int '91) (Southampton x Wandering Minstrel). OB, bright reddish orange/light yellow reverse, single, 10 petals, slight fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose). (*Does not appear in Combined Rose Guide 1999—Editor*)

PRINCESS OF WALES, F (Harkness '97). W. Rawlings (2 pls 1 yr 1' BC): Very white/slight cream centre at first, small blooms but very pretty, substance good—on a scale of 1-10 a 6. Middle-of-the-road growth habit, quite green and shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness good—protect with bulk mulch. Very nice—obviously immature plants were sent, very small. Hoping for improvement next year. This is grown on ocean front by sea wall.

PURPLE TIGER (IMPRESSIONIST), F (Christensen '91 int '92) (Intrigue x Pinstripe). M (striped), very deep purple/stripes and flecks of white and mauve pink, 26-40 petals, fragrant. Decker (AK): Striped mauve and white, decorative form, small to medium clusters, unusual fragrance. Some mildew.

QUEEN MOTHER (QUEEN MUM), F (patio) (Kordes '91). LP, deep rose-pink. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

REMEMBRANCE, F (Harkness '92 int '93) (Trumpeter x Southampton). MR, scarlet, 32 petals, slight fragrance, Glasgow GM 1995. No reports.

ROSY FUTURE, F (patio) (Harkness '92 int '91). (Radox Bouquet x Anna Ford). DP, deep rose-pink, 15-25 petals, fragrant. Cullen (2 pls 2 yrs 7-8' NY): A patio rose, supposedly, but the hybridizer must have had a very large patio, for this rose grows a willowy (but appealingly so) 7-8'. Pretty deep coral-pink flower, about 2". More productive early in the year. Ladouceur (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' BC): Deep buds, rosy pink blooms in clusters, blooms about 2.5" across, decorative form, good substance, not affected by sun, doesn't water spot. Fairly vigorous growth habit, dark green foliage, seems very hardy. Very fragrant, beautiful bud, unusual for a patio rose for height and fragrance. Samarin (1 pl 1 yr small BC): Clusters of deep pink small double roses, decorative form, good substance. Short grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Pretty little blooms adorn this bush all summer long—too small for the garden bed so it will be transplanted into a container. (Last year for reporting this rose).

RUBY ANNIVERSARY, F (patio) (Harkness '93) (Intrigue x Anna Ford). MR, rich ruby red/yellow base/reverse mid-pink, 20-24 petals, slight fruity fragrance. No reports.

SAGA HOLIDAY, F (Harkness '93) (Seedling x Amber Queen). OB, orange/orange-pink reverse, 28 petals, slight spicy fragrance. No reports.

ST. JOHN, F (Harkness '94 int '95) (Prima x Grace Abounding). W, 22 petals, light fragrance. Decker (2 pls 2 yrs AK): Prolific bloomer of medium to large clusters, blooms open flat, rain-resistant but needs staking. Glossy foliage, some mildew. A nice white Floribunda. Shewchuk (3 pls 2 & 1 yr AB): Well formed long pointed buds, 3" bloom, in sprays of up to 5 blooms, good substance, good repeat, light fragrance. Somewhat sprawling bush, medium green glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my

method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

SCENTIMENTAL, F (Carruth '96 int '97). RB (striped), very fragrant, AARS '97. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs AK): White with dark red stripes, garden variety, some small clusters, not very prolific, disease resistant, a novelty. Grobel (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): Fuchsia red with cream stripes, 4" bloom, many-petalled, very fragrant. Well shaped bush, dark shiny foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. The only complaint I have is that the bloom lasts only 3 days. However, it makes up by producing very many blooms and a strong pleasant fragrance. Porter (1 pl 1 yr SK): Needs winter protection. Winter killed—only rootstock grew. Planted this rose in late October after a summer on the patio; possibly didn't get the bud union set deep enough. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): Burgundy with cream stripes, 4 -4.5" bloom, numerous small petals, very fragrant, prolific bloomer, bloom lasts only 2 to 3 days then shatters completely. Form like a large double petunia, fairly good substance. Well formed upright dense bush, large dark glossy foliage, no disease. Petals excellent for potpourri. Good grown in container on the patio to enjoy the pleasant fragrance. Thompson (2 pl 2 yrs BC): Striped red and white. This rose, although a vigorous grower and bloomer, has such short bloom-holding power that it is altogether discouraging.

SEÑORITA, F (Warriner '91 int '92) (Seedling x Matador). RB, fiery red/deep yellow petal base and reverse, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

SHEER DELIGHT, F (patio) (Harkness '92 int '91) (Bobby Dazzler x Little Prince). OR, scarlet-vermilion, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SHEILA MACQUEEN, F (Harkness '94). LP. No reports.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (LOVE'S SPRING) (SPEK'S CENTENNIAL), F (McGredy '94 int '91) (Sexy Remy x Pot o' Gold). AB, apricot/copper, 25-30 petals, fragrant, RNRS GM 1991, AARS '95. Adamson (1 pl 2-3 yrs 3-4' ON): Excellent exhibition form, very good substance, always in bloom. Strong grower, disease resistant, wintered well. This rose is very productive and healthy but an unusual colour. Pretty first bloom, not so pretty in summer. Cadsby (2 pls 3 yrs 5' ON): Semi-double bloom, HT type, great substance. Upright spreading growth habit. Still singin' in the rain, I highly recommend this rose! Decker (2 pls 7 yrs AK): One of my favorites—would be hard put to win ribbons but has lots of blooms in small clusters. Long lasting and rain resistant. Galli (1 pl 4 yrs

34" ON): Apricot-bronzy-tan double bloom, exhibition form, ruffled edges, very good substance, continuous bloomer. Good shape and vigorous grower, foliage (like 'Granada') abundant, no disease, hardiness very good, fragrance is light. I first planted this rose in a large pot from May to October, then planted in front with minis. The colour of blooms was more intense as a young plant—kind of flat colour now but still a pretty good rose. Grobel (1 pl 4 yrs 2.5' AB): Dark apricot 3.5" bloom, medium high-centred form, in clusters of up to 6 blooms, excellent substance, medium fragrance. Nicely spaced low bush, dark shiny foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. Resists fading, long-lasting, truly a 'Singin' in the Rain' rose. Samarin (1 pl 3 yrs med BC): Apricot-beige, almost parchment, clusters of double blooms of medium size, decorative form, good substance. Upright growth habit, shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. The unusual colour makes it close to being 'beige'. It is a good plant in a mixed border. Shewchuk (1 pl 4 yrs 2' AB): Dark apricot turning to yellow with age, 3.5-4" bloom, medium high-centred exhibition form, borne singly and in clusters of 5 to 9, very good repeat. Long-lasting and fade resistant, medium sweet fragrance. Upright neat bush, dark glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SUNSET BOULEVARD, F (Harkness '97). OP, rich rust, ROTY '97, Glasgow GM '98. Rawlings (35 pls 1 yr 4' BC): Rich rust aging into peach, absolutely fabulous clusters of very floriferous blooms—couldn't wish for better. Well rounded form, excellent substance. Quite tall grower, dark green shiny foliage, healthy, bulk mulch protection. Incredibly nice rose, on a par with 'Rosemary Harkness' any day. This is a large bed of this one rose, and the bed is near where high tide hits. As of Nov. 22nd these roses are still blooming.

SWEET INSPIRATION, F (Warriner '91 int '93) (Sun Flare x Simplicity). MP, medium pink, opens two-tone pink, 25-39 petals, AARS '93. Shewchuk (1 pl 6 yrs 2.5' AB): Medium pink petals, creamy at base, 4" bloom, high-centred exhibition, in clusters of 3 to 5, good substance, good repeat. Neat upright bush, medium green matte foliage, no disease, thorns are sparse. Wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover.

THE FISHERMAN'S COT, F (Harkness '90 int '91) (Radox Bouquet x Anna Ford). OP, light salmon pink/cream pink centre, delicate pale pink edging, 28 petals, fragrant. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

TIGER TAIL, F (Christensen '91 int '92) (Matangi x Pinstripe). OB (striped), deep orange/white or cream stripes/cream reverse/small eye, 30 petals, no fragrance. No reports.

ZAMBRA (ZAMBRA '92) F (Meilland '92). OP, 25 petals, Bagatelle GM 1992, Baden-Baden GM 1993. No reports.

LARGE FLOWERED CLIMBERS

AWAKENING, LC1 (Beales '92) ('New Dawn' sport). LP, 26-40 petals, fragrant. Hopkins (1 pl 6 yrs 8' ON): Very double bloom, garden form, good substance. Spreading growth habit, small foliage, some mildew, hardiness is good. In bloom most of the season with hundreds of tiny blooms. Wilcox (1 pl 2 yrs 8' ON): Beautiful moderate size double bloom, continuously in bloom. Almost a rambler, shiny foliage, no disease, hardy. This rose should be in every garden.

CITY GIRL (COUNTRY COTTAGE), LC1 (Harkness '93 int '94) (Armada x Compassion). PB, light rose pink/primrose base/reverse salmon pink stained yellow, 12 petals, fruity fragrance. No reports.

CRIMSON CASCADE, LC1 (Fryer '91). DR, velvety red. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

DELLA BALFOUR, LC1 (Harkness '94). AB, lemon scent. Ladouceur (1 pl 3 yrs 10' BC): Yellow/deep apricot centre/deep orange heart, large buds, large double bloom, flat form—most times bloom size of a saucer, continual bloomer, excellent substance. Big canes, dark green shiny foliage, very hardy. Extremely pleased with this rose.

FOURTH OF JULY(CRAZY FOR YOU), LC1 (Carruth '99). RB (striped), 10-13 petals, AARS '99. White (1 pl 1 yr BC): Single bloom, good substance. Growth habit—too early to tell, dark green foliage. First blooms looked like survivors of a nuclear holocaust, then settled down to regular blooming.

HIGH HOPES, LC1 (Harkness '92) (Compassion x Congratulations). MP, light rose pink, 32 petals, spicy fragrance, Tokyo GM '92. Allen (1 pl 5 yrs 9'+ BC): Moderate size bloom, beautiful shape, in clusters, floriferous (on a scale 1-10—6.5), continuous bloom all season, good substance. Good strong stems, foliage, bad blackspot, some aphids, very hardy. Enjoyed it most of all my roses for colour and scent. Bantock (1 pl yr 4' BC): Variegated pink, unable to comment on bloom and form as away

during blooming, good substance. Growth good for 1st year, dark green shiny foliage, no disease. First year cutting from friend's garden, grew quite fast, 2 blooms only as yet. Set against trellis on south of house—somewhat inhibited by grape vine (now removed). Next summer should bring more growth and blooms. Hargraves (1 pl 5 yrs 9-10' BC): Medium size bloom, beautifully shaped like an HT and compact, in clusters, extremely floriferous, continuous all summer, excellent substance. Thick stems, vigorous, very healthy, very easy to care for, dark green shiny foliage, lots of leaves, medium perfume. This rose is an absolute joy to own—gives me so much pleasure. Passers-by always comment on it. I am forever forgetting to spray it but maybe it was meant to be for it never gets any blackspot, mildew or aphids. Spracklan (1 pl 1 yr 5' BC): Perfect form, repeat bloomer, mediocre for 1st year bloom, good substance, very fragrant. Plant doing well, medium green fairly good foliage, seems hardy. I'm glad I have this rose - slow starter but worth waiting for. Wood (2 pls 4 yrs 10' BC): H.T. type, usually 1 bloom per 10-12" stem, lovely dusty pink, great for arches, great substance. Lax canes, good foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. I just love this rose—good height and lax canes make it an excellent rose for an arch—highly recommended.

PENNY LANE, LC1 (Harkness int '98). AB, buff, fragrant, ROTY 1998. Ladouceur (6 pls 1 yr 6' (all in pots) BC): Full double bloom, quartered form, not large blooms, clear and clean. Very good substance. Vigorous grower but a bit thin, lovely dark green glossy foliage. Nice fragrance and excellent vigour—reminds me of old fashioned rose but with repeat bloom.

POLKA (POLKA '91, SCENTED DAWN, LORD BYRON), LC1 (Meilland int '92) (Golden Showers x Lichtkonigin Lucia). OB, pale orange/cream/buff. Cullen (1 pl 3 yrs 15' NY): I continue to be enthusiastic about this rose, but it's not a pillar rose or short climber. Hardy, be prepared to give it room. .

ROBERTA BONDAR, LC1 (Fleming '93) (King's Ransom x Buff Beauty). MY, 26-40 petals, fragrant. Graber (1 pl 4 yrs 5.5' ON): Good strong yellow, decorative form, lots of bloom in sprays, fragrant. Upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. Pettie (1 pl 1 yr 6' ON): Intense golden yellow, fully double, non-fading, repeats, decorative form, excellent substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Amazing growth 1st year, 1999 will better tell abundance of bloom. Great potential, beautiful rose.

SHRUBS

ALL THAT JAZZ, S (Twomey '91). OP, Deep coral-salmon blend/bright yellow stamens, 12-13 petals, moderate Damask fragrance. Cadsby (1 pl 2 yrs 40" ON): Orange-pink, semi-double H.T. type form, singly and in clusters, good substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, hardiness very good. A rose for every garden. Graber (1 pl 6 yrs 5' ON): Glowing coral salmon, semi-double 5" bloom, non-fading, lasts well, sprays of 3-5, excellent substance, fragrant. Upright growth habit, very glossy dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. This year it grew 6 new canes and is better than ever—highly recommended. Shewchuk (2 pls 7 yrs 2.5' AB): Coral and salmon blend, 5" bloom, large petals, open semi-double form, very good substance, does not fade easily, bloom comes singly on long stems, medium damask fragrance. Dark glossy foliage, no disease. Deteriorated slowly each year—discarded this year. I believe that it was grafted on rootstock that is not hardy for our winters. (Last year for reporting this rose).

APPLEBLOSSOM FLOWER CARPET, S (ground cover) (Noak '97). LP, no fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 1.5' BC): Lovely pale pink, fades very little, decorative form, excellent substance, constant bloomer and a constant delight. Planted in a mixed border of roses, azaleas and lilies, it quickly spread in all directions, covered in blooms and crowding other bushes. I'll move it in the fall to a bed all to itself (plus a twin which I hope to find in the spring), and surrounded by pink minis. No diseases. Try one or the pink or the white! Bought 'Appleblossom Flower Carpet' in Victoria because I had admired 'Pink Flower Carpet' and 'White Flower Carpet' in New Zealand where they bloom everywhere - on boulevards, 'roundabouts', parks and private gardens.

ASTRID LINGREN (DREAM SEQUENCE), S (Poulsen '91). LP. Freeman (1pl 2 yrs 3.5' ON): Informal bloom, slow repeat, looks like just 2 flushes. Excellent foliage, no disease, hardiness excellent with no coverage. Highly recommended by rose friends from Norway and Sweden for hardiness and disease resistance—if only it repeated faster. (Last year for reporting this rose).

BOW BELLS, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '91). DP, 15-25 petals, fragrant. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

CAREFREE DELIGHT (BINGO MEIDILAND), S (ground cover) (Meilland '94 int '94). PB, carmine pink/white eye, 5 petals, light fragrance, Paris GM 1992, The Hague GM 1993, ADR 1994, AARS '96. Shewchuk (1 pl 3 yrs 1.5' AB): Pink with white eye,

2-2.5" bloom, 5 petals, good repeat, good substance, light fragrance. Low arching branches, small dark glossy foliage, no disease. Wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Was planted in a fair amount of shade—has improved considerably this year.

CAREFREE WONDER (CAREFULLY WONDER, DYNASTIC), S (Meilland '90 int '91). PB, rich pink/creamy pink reverse, 26 petals, slight fragrance. AARS '91. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

CHARLOTTE, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '93). LY, softer yellow than 'Graham Thomas', 41+ petals, tea rose fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 3' ON): Garden form, good substance. Upright grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Terrible first year rose—most disappointing of all my Austin roses. Ouellette (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' QC): Cupped OGR form, incurving cup shape, outer petals flat, fair substance. Pales in hot sunny location, strong fragrance. Upright bushy growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A charming little bush which produces a good number of blooms. Prefer the smaller Austin roses for bedding and yellow roses are a treasure.

CHATEAU FRONTENAC, S. ('96). DP. Cullen (3 pls 3 yrs 7' NY): I like everything about this rose except its habit. Flowers are large (like those of a Hybrid Perpetual), fragrant and abundant. Rich smoky pink colour, but the bush falls all over itself, even with a bamboo tripod to give it support. No disease.

COLETTTE, S (Meilland '96 int '95). MP, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Cullen (3 pls 3 yrs 4-5' NY): A well-balanced bush, extremely productive early in the year, much less so in the fall. Similar in form and size to 'Emanuel', which it's planted beside; but the Austin rose outstrips it in almost all ways, especially fragrance.

COTTAGE ROSE (THE COTTAGE ROSE), S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '91). MP, pure glowing pink, fragrant. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

COUNTRY LIVING, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '91). LP, 41+ petals, fragrant. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

DE MONTARVILLE, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada int '98 - Explorer Series). DP, 26 petals, hardy in zone 3. Freeman (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' ON): Blooms 1 per stem, informal form, petals quill when fully open, fair substance. No disease, hardiness excellent. Got a very small own-root bush last year—no bloom, but came

through winter and grew a lot this summer. A lot of bloom, opens very fast but very fast repeat. Not the most beautiful hardy rose but looks like a good reliable bloom producer. Graber (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' ON): Bud is red, opens good pink, loose form, good substance, in clusters of 3 to 5, good repeat. Thin stems, dark green foliage, touch of blackspot, hardy to Zone 3. Pretty small plant. Webster (2 pls 2 yrs 2'10" ON): Attractive dark pink, opens flat, good substance. Upright growth habit, dark green matte foliage, no disease, no dieback in Toronto. Disappointing form, not enough growth or bloom—will give it a few more years.

EGLANTYNE (EGLANTYNE JEBB), S (Austin Rose) (Austin '94). DP, pure pink, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Cullen (5 pls 2 yrs 7-9' NY): Another fine Austin light pink, less fragrant than 'Sharifa Asma' and less sprawling than 'St. Swithun'. Of the three I prefer the flower and habit of 'Sharifa Asma,' despite its tendency here to mildew. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 3.5' ON): Garden form, cupped rosette bloom, fair substance, nice fragrance. Upright grower, good foliage, some blackspot. Finally nice blooms by fall. Samarin (1 pl 2 yrs med BC): Peachy pink, decorative form, gorgeous cupped rosette blooms, good substance. Lax canes, matte green foliage, blackspot. A delicate English Rose which, like many other Austin roses, is not easy to grow. The bush is not always attractive with its sprawling branches and lack of leaves by midsummer.

EMILY, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '92). LP, pale pink, 41+ petals, fragrant. No reports.

EVELYN, S (English Rose) (Austin '92 int '91). AB, light apricot/yellow blend/hint of pink, 41+ petals, very good fragrance. Brust (2 pls 5 yrs BC): Upright growth habit, long lasting very large blooms. This shrub requires a few years to mature. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 3' ON): Apricot and peach blend, rosette bloom, garden form, fair substance. Sparse upright growth habit, good foliage, no disease. Just a stingy plant. Ouellette (1 pl 3 yrs 2.75' QC): Large cup filled with numerous petals recurving to form a rosette shaped bloom, fairly soft substance. Upright grower, dark green glossy foliage, some blackspot, hardness is good. Foliage is sparse, did not produce many blooms. Has a lovely fragrance when you get it newly opened. Don't think it lives up to its billing: 'magnificent rose'. Porter (1 pl 4 yrs 12" SK): Apricot with some pink tones, decorative, old fashioned form, very double bloom, sparse bloomer, good substance. Upright open growth habit, dark green leathery foliage, no disease, needs good winter protection—generally dies to ground each winter. This is a very lovely rose—if only it would

produce more than a handful of blooms in a season. My 'own-root' rose lacks vigour—wonder what it would be here if grafted. Williams (1 pl 3 yrs 3-5' BC): Attractive garden rose, decorative bloom, but tends to snap off in rain, good substance. Upright grower, healthy foliage—slight blackspot, hardiness OK. I love this David Austin but blooms are scarce. Very fragrant—I still prefer 'Sharifa Asma'. (Last year for reporting this rose).

FIRST LIGHT, S (Devor '98). LP, clear pink, burgundy stamens, 20 petals, AARS '98. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Had only 1 flush of bloom - started medium pink and finished lighter. Disease resistant. Needs more evaluation was taller for me than the specimens I had seen elsewhere. Laberge (20 pls 1yr 80cm): Single bloom, diameter 7 cm, flat form, 3 to 6 to a cluster, recurrent, excellent substance, continuous bloomer, perfumed flower. Both parents ('Bernina' x 'Ballerina') are hardy in zone 5 so good chance for 'First Light' to be hardy in zone 5. Round bushy grower, dark green shiny foliage, disease resistant. Thompson (BC): Vigorous, disease resistant, prolific dogwood-like blooms, no fragrance, very messy.

FRONTENAC, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada int '92 - Explorer Series). DP, deep pink/white centre, 20 petals, hardy in zone 3. Hart (1 pl 3 yrs 14" ON): Pink with white centre, semi-double, bloomed early, then no more blooms. This plant seems to be slow at getting started into growth. Ouellette (4 pls 5 yrs 3' QC): Long deep rose buds open semi-double showing white centres, cupped form, clusters of 3-4 blooms, very good substance. Upright grower, glossy medium green foliage, light mildew, hardiness excellent. Continues to be a good bedding rose with excellent repeat and the blooms hold their colour well in any weather. Best left as a bedding rose, stems short but can be used in low arrangements. Porter (1 pl 3 yrs 15" SK): Medium to dark pink, white flares in centre, 3" semi-double bloom, cupped to nearly flat form, opens quickly showing stamens, good substance. Upright grower, dark green semi-glossy sparse foliage, no disease, no winter protection needed. This own-root rose has been very slow but did bloom much more heavily this year. So far I regard it as rather ordinary.

GEORGE VANCOUVER, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada int '92 - Explorer Series). MR, 20 petals, hardy in zone 3. Ouellette (1 pl 2 yrs 3' QC): Deep red bud changes to reddish pink with lighter reverse, decorative cupped form, shallow blooms, in clusters of 1-6, good substance. Arching growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness excellent. Good repeat bloom, always some colour on this bush, may move it to wild flower garden as its

long canes can be supported by them. Not a bedding rose—has become rather unruly where it is now. Shewchuk (1 pl 2 yrs 3' AB): 3-3.5" bloom, imbricate form, produced singly and in clusters, good substance, repeats well, blooms till fall freeze-up. Arching branching growth habit, medium green matte foliage, no disease, came through winter well with no added cover except natural snowfall. Very prickly. Webster (1 pl 6 yrs 6-7' ON): Small cherry red 3" bloom opens flat, singly or in clusters, good substance. Growth habit is up and out, no disease, no dieback in Toronto. Large bush growing vigorously under poor conditions, new stems this year heavier with savage prickles. This rose bush is not suitable for city gardens. White (32 pls 4 yrs 4' BC): In full sun, a considerable amount of leaf die-back. Trial of some bushes on woodland setting—better.

GLAMIS CASTLE, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '92). W, pure white, 41+ petals, strong myrrh fragrance. Cullen (9 pls 5 yrs 3-4' NY): This brilliant white is an excellent cut flower—something I didn't appreciate in the first few years I grew it. It may actually be more fragrant when cut. Porter (1 pl 6 yrs 24" SK): Double bloom, decorative form, in clusters, good substance, not especially long-lasting but repeats well. Bushy, slightly upright growth habit, semi-glossy ample foliage, no disease, needs winter protection—dies back severely every year. This rose seems to improve with age, and blooms well even though it never grows very large, quite thorny. The myrrh fragrance is very noticeable.

GOLDEN CELEBRATION, S (English Rose) (Austin '93 int '92). DY, coppery yellow, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Adamson (1 pl 2 yrs+ 3.5' ON): Dark golden yellow, large bloom, decorative form, opens 'rose form' then becomes shallow, quartered, good substance. Good growth habit, healthy foliage, hardiness very good. Rose did much better this year—bushy, lots of fragrant blooms. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 4' BC): A rich pure golden yellow, large deeply cupped blooms, excellent substance, surprising amount of bloom all season for a 1st year plant, very fragrant. Vigorous but rounded growth habit, dark green glossy foliage, no disease. I love 'Graham Thomas' but 'Golden Celebration' is even better. Looking forward to next year. Hopkins (1 pl 3 yrs 6' ON): Large blooms, garden form, good substance. Upright growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Lanky grower, not enough blooms. Semeniuk (2 pls 2 yrs 4' BC): Red tinge on buds, large attractive blooms, decorative double form, good substance, in clusters, last well. Upright twiggy growth habit, dark green glossy foliage, no

disease, hardiness is good. I like this one—strong fragrance. Prune out small twiggy growth and encourage upright growth. Needs some support—huge trusses of buds open progressively. Ouellette (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5' QC): Large bloom, incurving petals in a nicely arranged cup shaped form, good substance. Arching canes, dark green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Not a heavy bloomer—I am waiting for an abundance of golden flowers but it hasn't happened. Also, the sprawling bush would be more suitable in a hedge row with other shrubs to support it.

GYPSY DANCER, S (Dickson '94). YB, hand-painted light yellow with orange and light yellow reverse, 6-14 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

HAPPY CHILD, S (English rose) (Austin '94 int '93). MY, intense yellow, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Cullen (4 pls 3 yrs 4' NY): A superb small shrub, of excellent habit (arching but short) and productivity. Well worth growing. Semeniuk (1 pl 1 yr 2.5' BC): Sunshine yellow—clear yellow throughout, no fading, good petal count, beautiful fully double form, good substance. Bushy but sparse growth habit, bright green foliage, no disease so far and hardy so far. Own-root plant so a little slow in getting established, not a lot of bloom this year but hope for more next season.

HERTFORDSHIRE, S (ground cover) (Kordes '91). DP, carmine pink. McLean (1 pl 1 yr 20 cm (8") BC): Clusters of carmine pink single 3 cm blooms, repeat, excellent substance. Ground cover, spreading 50 cm near horizontal stems, mid-green foliage, survived one winter. (Last year for reporting this rose).

HOPE FOR HUMANITY, S (Collicutt & Davidson, Agriculture Canada '95 - Parkland Series). DR, very dark red, 35-37 petals, slightly fragrant, hardy in zone 3a. Grobel (1 pl 2 yrs 4.5-5' AB): 1.5" bloom, in clusters of up to 5 blooms, repeats well, very good substance, very light fragrance. Tall upright bush, dull medium green foliage, some mildew, wintered well without any protection. Bloom is long lasting and fade resistant, blooms till fall freeze-up. Laberge (5 pls 3 yrs 1m QC): Good true red, 6 cm diameter bloom, cupped form, 1 to 5 blooms per stem, good substance, repeats. Arching growth habit, dark green foliage, light mildew in September, hardy in zone 3. Good red for a shrub, received them as small cuttings—development is regular and vigorous. Supposed to stay small and compact. Pickett (4 pls 2 yrs 32" MB): Blood red, 3" double bloom in clusters—some stems have 15 blooms on them, very good form, good substance. Strong grower, dark green foliage,

some blackspot, completely hardy. One of the best roses from Morden—always in bloom, cut flowers will last one week in vase, does not fade on edges. Porter (SK): Discovered this year that my plant, given to me as a cutting, was not 'Hope for Humanity', but likely a seedling. It did not bloom well and I have discarded it. Shewchuk (2 pls 2 yrs 3' AB): 2.5-3" bloom, imbricate to flat form, in sprays of 2 to 6 blooms, long lasting, fade resistant, good repeat, very good substance, light fragrance. Neat upright grower, medium dark green matte foliage, slight mildew. Came through winter well without added cover except for natural snowfall. Blooms till freeze-up.

JANET A. WOOD, S (Jalbert '96 CAN). RB, 5 petals. No reports.

JAN'S WEDDING, S (Dr. Neil D. Adams int '94). YB, 15-25 petals. No reports.

JEEPER'S CREEPER, S (Kordes '93 int '94). W, 6-14 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

JIM LOUNSBERY, S (Fleming '95 int '94 CAN). OR, single (5 petals), slight fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 4' ON): Tiny orange single blooms, garden form, good substance. Upright growth habit, no disease, hardiness is good. First blooms okay but second disappointing.

JOHN CLARE, S (English Rose) (Austin '97, into '94). DP. Cullen (3 pls 3 yrs 6' NY). Upright growth habit, no disease. What makes this worth a try is its excellent clear pink colour and its productivity.

JOAN FONTAINE, S (Clements '96). W, soft flesh pink opening to creamy white, touch of amber in centre, medium size, very fragrant. Cullen (6 pls 2-3 yrs 4-7' NY): A gorgeous rose, much like a large 'Fair Bianca' (it has similar fragrance and colour). The habit of the bush is less appealing; the canes are erect while the blooms tend to hang down on weak stems. Worth a try.

JUDE THE OBSCURE, S (English Rose) (Austin '97 int '95). YB, deep yellow with pale yellow on outside, very fragrant. Cullen (3 pls 2 yrs 6' NY): Upright growth habit, no disease. I like the apricot yellow colour and the fragrance, but does this rose ever open?

LAMBERT CLOSSE, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada '94 int '95 - Explorer Rose). MP, 53 petals, slight fragrance, hardy in zone 3. Freeman (1 pl 1 yr 12" ON): 3 weak looking blooms on a

weak floppy plant so far. Based on other Explorer's, I'm hoping for much better next year. Will wait to assess until then. Graber (1 pl 4 yrs 4' ON): Coral-pink then fades to light pink, delicate looking, almost HT form, sprays of 1-4 blooms, good substance. fragrant. Upright grower, glossy mid-green foliage, no disease. Large hips in Fall. Ouellette (2 pls 4 yrs 2' QC): Coral-pink pales pink to expose yellow sepals. Almost HT, opens flat, quilled petals, average substance—I really like this one. Upright bushy grower, medium green foliage, healthy, hardiness is good. One of the better coloured Explorer roses with an attractive form. Good repeat bloom, lightly fragrant. This rose is an improvement from the big shrubs which do not have much distinction in shape of blooms. Webster (2 pls 3 yrs 5-6' ON): Nodding smallish hybrid tea type blooms, good substance. Upright grower, light green glossy foliage, no disease, no dieback in Toronto. Very attractive garden plant, has bloom all season. Two thumbs up!

LINDA CAMPBELL (TALL POPPY), S (H Rg) (Moore '90 int '91). MR, 25 petals, no fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

LUCETTA (ENGLISH APRICOT), S (English rose) (Austin '92 int '93). AB, pale peach, 6-14 petals, fragrant. No reports.

LYDA ROSE, S (Lettunich '94), W, single. Cullen (3 pls 3 yrs 4' NY): No disease. I would not be without this rose. It produces abundant panicles of single apple blossom pink roses on an elegantly arching, medium-sized plant.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS (PRIMA in US), S (Harkness '88 int '91). PB, blush white/reverse blush pink, 18 petals, fruity fragrance, orange hips, Geneva GM 1987. Webster (1 pl 3 yrs 42" ON): White with a pink flush, good size blooms, open flat, clusters or singly, good substance. Vigorous grower, light green matte foliage, disease resistant, hardiness good in Toronto. Grows out —needs to be pruned to upward facing buds. I will be quite happy to see this rose bush return next year. (Last year for reporting this rose.)

MARIE-VICTORIN, S (Agriculture Canada '98 - Explorer Rose). PB, deep peach colour bud opens to pale peach to pink bloom, 38 petals, hardy in zone 3. Laberge (5 pls 4 yrs 120 cm QC): Apricot bud turning pink, HT buds, flat when open, 7.5 cm diameter bloom, 4 to 12 blooms in a cluster, good substance, repeat bloom. Vigorous arching grower, mid-green shiny foliage, light blackspot in September, hardy. Can be trained as a low climber. In honour of the Montreal Botanical Garden Founder. Osborne (10 pls 4 yrs 1m

NB): Light pink with yellow reverse, exceptional form for shrub rose, double bloom in clusters, good substance, good repeat. Stiff upright grower, medium green foliage, slightest blackspot. A fabulous bloom with exceptional colour for a hardy rose. Good vigour and health, a good medium-sized shrub, gorgeous form.

MOLINEUX, S (English rose) (Austin '94). DY, strong tea rose fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' BC): Rich yellow with pink shadings, rosette form, serrated petals, excellent substance, continuous bloomer, lovely tea rose scent. Short growth habit for an Austin, bushy, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Highly recommended—ideal rose for small garden or in middle of a rose border. Cullen (4 pls 2 yrs 4' NY): No disease. Another excellent small yellow English Rose, this one with deep pink and reddish tints. However, as good as this rose is, it does not eclipse 'Symphony'. Graber (1 pl 1 yr 2' ON): Strong non-fading yellow, cupped bloom, serrated petals, quick repeat, substance very good. Compact low grower, dark green foliage, healthy. Fragrant—tea scent. Promising smaller yellow Austin rose.

MORDEN FIREGLOW, S (Collicutt, H.H. Marshall, Agriculture Canada '89 int '91 - Parkland Series). OR, orange red/red reverse, 26-30 petals, slight fragrance, survives in zone 2b. Ouellette (4 pls 5 yrs 3.5' QC): Scarlet red blooms, semi-double HT form, good substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, blackspot, hardiness is good. Does not live up to its billing, and I've never seen so many ugly blooms which ball and turn brown and never open. Will move these out and after 5 years it's time to say Adios. Porter (1 pl 6 yrs 3' SK): Orange-red fading to a dull shade, decorative form, very double, in clusters, good substance, slow to open, prone to balling in fall. Upright grower, a bit leggy, good foliage, no disease, semi-hardy, no protection needed. I'm still disappointed in this rose—vigour and floriferousness are poor and the colour fades, but mostly I resent the balling of flower buds. Shewchuk (1 pl 6 yrs 3' AB): 4" bloom, cupped form, in sprays of up to 5 blooms, light fragrance, good repeat, good substance. Sturdy upright growth habit, medium green matte foliage, no disease, hardy with no protection except natural snowfall. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MORDEN SNOW BEAUTY, S (Agriculture Canada int '98 - Parkland Series). W, single - 5-9 petals, hardy in zone 3. Laberge (5 pls 3 yrs 1.20m QC): Pink pointed buds, 10 cm white single bloom—5 to 9 petals, flat form, nice gold stamens, 4 to 12 flowers to a stem, one stem had 14 blooms, excellent substance, good repeat. Arching growth habit, abundant elongated foliage, disease resistant.

Fruit, red thorns. Ouellette (2 pls 1 yr 10" QC): Semi-double, fairly small bloom, decorative form, good substance, slight fragrance. Low grower, medium green foliage, no disease. Plant had 2 blooms and spent summer trying to get established. Will fill need for hardy small shrubs.

MRS. DOREEN PIKE, S (Hrg) (Austin '94 int '93). MP, 41+ petals, fragrant. No reports.

NICOLAS, S (Agriculture Canada '96 - Explorer Series). MR, 18-20 petals, hardy in Zone 3. Osborne (10 pls 3 yrs 40 cm NB): Small neat buds, scarlet red bloom, 4-5 cm across, in clusters, good substance, excellent repeat. Small rounded growth habit, very healthy deep green foliage, have only seen a tiny bit of blackspot, hardy in zone 4. A small shrub with good bloom and exciting colour (a hint of orange). Good rose for a small space, good bloomer, little fragrance.

NOBLE ANTONY, S (English Rose) (Austin '97 int '95). MR, deep magenta-crimson, 50+ petals, very fragrant. No reports.

ORANGES 'N' LEMONS (PAPAGENA), S (McGredy '94 int '92). OB (striped), orange and yellow striped, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

PAT AUSTIN, S (English rose) (Austin '97 int '95). OR, bright copper on inside of petals, pale copper-yellow on outer sides (a similar effect to 'Austrian Copper'), 41+ petals, strong fragrance. Adamson (1 pl 2 yrs 4' ON): Copper yellow, cupped decorative form, good substance. Bushy grower, shiny green foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. Plant much stronger second year—lovely colour. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 3' BC): Striking new colour in Austins—a delightful mix of copper and copper-yellow. Large blooms, deeply cupped, excellent substance, long lasting, very fragrant. Tall bushy grower, medium green shiny foliage, no disease. Visitors to our garden always notice it. Cullen (4 pls 2 yrs 4' NY): The liveliest color of the Austins, and attractive enough, but I don't see what "old fashioned" qualities this cultivar has. What makes this an 'English Rose'?

PEGASUS, S (English Rose) (Austin '97 int '95). LY, apricot-yellow fading to cream at edges, rich tea rose fragrance. No reports.

PINK FLOWER CARPET (BLOOMING CARPET) (EMERA) (HEIDETRAUM), S (ground cover) (Noack '89 int '91). DP, deep pink/reverse lighter, 15-18 petals, light fragrance. l'Hay GM 1988, ADR 1990, Boskoop GM 1990, The Hague GM 1990,

Dortmund GM 1991, Glasgow GM 1993. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' ON): Vivid deep pink, semi-double bloom, decorative form, sloppy, clusters mostly at tips of rose, good substance. Weird shape but full, abundant dark green shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness excellent, no fragrance. Purchased rose for one dollar at nursery end of season, was scrawny and pitiful. Planted on north side of house between Chinese elm and forsythia—area had bad drainage and little sun. Rose is thriving, healthy and happy. Spreader type growth, similar to 'Ralph's Creeper'. Wonder what it would be like in good location! Grobel (1 pl 3 yrs 1.5' AB): 3" bloom, 18 petals, bloom comes in large clusters, very light fragrance, medium substance, repeats very well. Low, fast growing, sprawling plant, small shiny foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. Next year I will plant it in a large pot and stand it up on something firm, 3 ft. above ground, so that the branches cascade gracefully down over the pot and stand. Semeniuk (1 pl 3 yrs 2' BC): Cupped small blooms, attractive dark pink, clusters appear in flushes through summer, medium substance. Prostrate growth habit, lots of shiny green foliage, no disease, hardiness is great. Did better in second year, good repeat, responds to light pruning to encourage some upright growth in centre of plant. Shewchuk (1 pl 3 yrs 1-1.5' AB): Globular buds, 3-3.5" bloom, deep pink/light pink reverse, imbricate form, light fragrance, good repeat, good substance. Vigorous spreading growth habit, small dark glossy foliage, no disease, wintered well with my method of planting and 12" peat moss cover. Good in a hanging pot, basket or grafted on a 3-4' standard. Spracklan (1 pl 5 yrs 3'spread 6-8' BC): Very small buds and blooms, very profuse—million of them, excellent substance. Excellent growth habit, medium green small leaves—many of them. I would have more of these if I had the space—this gives me so much pleasure.

QUADRA, S (Agriculture Canada int '94 - Explorer Series). DR, dark red bud, deep velvety crimson bloom fades to light red, 50 petals, hardy in zone 3. Ouellette (1 pl 5 yrs 5' QC): Large double deep red cup-shaped blooms, come in clusters of 1-4 at ends of arching canes, good substance. Upright arching grower, glossy medium green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Gave more support and well pleased with showing of rich coloured blooms. Repeated well in September/October, received many favourable comments on rich red colour. There have been so many pink Explorer roses!

RADIO TIMES, S (English Rose) (Austin '97 int '94). MP, clear rich pink, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Brisbane (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' BC):

Medium size rich pink blooms, formal rosette form recurving as it opens to show red stamens, good substance, Old Rose fragrance. Short bushy growth habit, no disease, quite hardy. Another excellent choice for small garden or in the middle of a rose bed—highly recommended. Cullen (5 pls 2 yrs 4' NY): Of recent Austins, this is a special favorite. The plant is much more manageable than 'St. Swithun' or 'Eglantyne' (it arches but doesn't sprawl or send out 10' canes), and its fragrance is more intense and lasting. A tendency to mildew in the fall is the only small fault.

REDOUTÉ (MARGARET ROBERTS), S (English Rose) (Austin int '92). LP, softer pink than 'Mary Rose' of which it is a sport, light fragrance. Baillie (1 pl 2 yrs 5' ON): Small soft pink blooms, flat form, good substance. Spreading growth habit, good foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Bloom seemed light—did not repeat well.

ROCKIN' ROBIN, S (Carruth '99 int '97). W (striped), light apple fragrance, 40 petals. Semeniuk (1 pl 1 yr 4' BC): Bi-colour, red/pink/white stripes. Own-root plant, medium size fully double bloom, decorative form, clusters of blooms, good substance. Bushy, upright dense growth habit, glossy dark green foliage, no disease—downy mildew resistant. Lots of new reddish foliage, attractive blooms—unique. First year but like this one so far.

ROYAL BONICA, S (Meilland '94). MP, average 75 petals, slight fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 3' BC): Globular buds, beautiful 3" rich medium pink blooms, decorative cupped form, heavy petal count, excellent substance. I was amazed at its performance for a 1st year plant—bloomed continuously—took a head count one day and there were 10 stems with 10-12 blooms on each. For many years I grew and liked 'Bonica' with its masses of blooms but it can't compare with its sport, 'Royal Bonica'. Vigorous bushy carefree growth habit, shiny dark green foliage, no disease all season. Try it—you will love it! Ouellette (1 pl 1 yr 1.5' QC): Continuous medium pink blooms with numerous petals in cupped shape, rosette form, good substance. Arching spreading growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease. Very young plant but has plenty of vigour and blooms to match. At end of long bed will have room to spread its canes. Added bonus—lightly fragrant! Semeniuk (1 pl 2 yrs 4' BC): Medium pink, darker in semi-shade, fully double bloom, cupped decorative form, clusters of 3-5 blooms, continuous bloomer—in flushes, good substance. Upright growth habit, shiny dark green foliage, no disease this year, hardiness excellent. Slight blackspot last fall when rainy but this summer was

hot and dry—no problems. Love the colour and form. Good hedging rose.

ROYAL EDWARD, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada, '94 int '95 - Explorer Series. MP, deep pink bud, medium pink blossom stage, fades to pale pink, average 18 petals, slight fragrance, hardy in zone 3. Freeman (1 pl 1 yr 6" ON): Semi-double bloom, one to a stem, very fast repeat, 1 stem had a single white bloom on it. Miniature spreading growth habit, nice glossy foliage, no disease. Looks like a good ground cover, especially if it's as hardy as other Explorer roses. Put it in the coldest, windiest spot in the front garden and will see how it does this winter. Osborne (300+, 3 yrs 30-40 cm): Warm medium pink, dainty buds, small bloom but shapely form, 6 cm open across, 10-15 petals, nearly continuous, good substance. Low spreading growth habit, glossy!! deep green foliage, no disease, hardiness good so far. A highly useful rose as a groundcover. Excellent repeat, outstanding foliage, light fragrance. Porter (1 pl 3 yrs 9" SK): Medium pink fading to creamy light pink, white centre. Miniature sized (2") semi-double bloom, cupped form, wavy petals, about 4 rows of petals, up to 3 to a cluster, stamens show, good substance. Compact grower, leathery dark green semi-glossy ruffled foliage, a bit sparse. No disease, survives without protection. This one is rather dainty but put on a good show of flowers this year compared to past seasons. Stems died back to near ground after the mild winter but minimal snow cover was likely to blame. Webster (2 pls 1 yr 14" ON): Pure medium pink semi-double bloom opens flat, good repeat bloom. Flat grower, medium green matte foliage, no disease. This is a funny little rose bush—what is it?—a miniature or a ground cover? Am interested to see what happens next year.

ROYAL WEDDING, S (Zary '98). AB. Cullen (1 pl 1 yr 2' NY): No disease. Not until the fall did this plant show any promise, but then the plant began to take on size and produce. And what blooms! A luscious cream/pink/amber, with good fragrance and size. Informal, a bit muddled even, but attractive; not, however, for strict devotees of classic HT form.

ST. SWITHUN, S (English rose) (Austin '94 int '93). LP, soft pink, paler towards edges, 41+ petals, very good fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 3 yrs 5' ON): Delicate pink, double bloom, garden form, good substance. Upright grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardy. My favourite 'Saint' rose—produces many singles plus many sprays. Ouellette (1 pl 1 yr 2' QC): Rounded cup shape with broader petals arranged around bud-like centre, outer petals are

lighter pink, good substance. Bushy grower, medium green foliage, no disease. Just getting established. Not too many blooms but what there was had much appeal. Lovely strong fragrance. Planted with other lower growing English roses in a separate bed.

SIMON FRASER, S (Dr. Ian Ogilvie, Agriculture Canada '92 - Explorer Series). MP, about 22 petals, slight fragrance, hardy in zone 3. Ouellette (3 pls 5 yrs 2.5' QC): MP, salmon pink, wavy semi-double blooms in clusters of 4-5, decorative form, open flat, good substance, faint fragrance. Low sprawling grower, light green foliage, mildews, hardiness is good. This year I was pleased to see less mildew and an abundance of lovely clusters of salmon blooms which hold for ages with only slight fading from age.

SIR EDWARD ELGAR, S (English Rose) (Austin '95 int '92). MR, cerise and crimson, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Cullen (2 pls 5 yrs 8-9' NY): Not one of the better Austins. Nice colour but too few blooms on a sprawling, mildew-prone plant. Semsch (2 pls 2 yrs tall BC): Light crimson, medium to large bloom. Tall lanky grower, light green foliage, some disease, hardiness is good. I love the scent but I'm not overly impressed with the growth habit—too lanky. If it does not improve I will dig 'em up!

SOURIRE ROSE, S (HMsk) (Lens '96). LP. Cullen (1 pl 3 yrs 7' NY): I now grow about a dozen roses by the Belgian hybridizer Louis Lens. Of those, this (and perhaps 'Rush') is most worth growing. It's a large shrub, but mannerly, with elegant clusters of small white and light pink blooms. Most of the other Lens roses cease producing after August; this one is still blooming in November.

SUSSEX (APRICOT COTTAGE ROSE), S (ground cover) (Poulsen '91). AB, golden apricot, semi-double. Baden-Baden GM '91. McLean (1 shrub, 1 standard, 2 yrs BC): 1 shrub 30 cm high x 50 cm, 2 yrs, and 1 standard budded at 1.3 m (4 ft.), 30 cm high x 40 cm, 2 yrs, clusters of 5 cm semi-double flowers, good repeat. Shrub spreads well over ground, stems horizontal, standard carries at 45 degrees, provides wonderful visual display. Spreading ground cover shrub, bright green foliage, survived 2 winters. (Last year for reporting this rose).

TAMORA, S (English Rose). (Austin '92 int '93). AB, apricot yellow, 41+ petals, very fragrant—unusual myrrh scent. Adamson (6 pls 4 yrs 3-3.5' ON): Cupped exhibition form, does not fade, substance very good, very fragrant. Medium, bushy growth habit, glossy green foliage, very little disease, hardiness is excellent. One

of my favourites. A great all-around little rose, so very pretty. Should any of my 100+ roses be winter-killed, I'd replace them with 'Tamora'.

THE ALEXANDRA ROSE, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '93). PB, coppery pink/pale yellow centre, single-5 petals, slight fragrance. Ouellette (1 pl 2 yrs 2' QC): Small single bloom, somewhat wavy incurving petals, long golden stamens, in clusters and one to a stem, fair substance. Bushy grower, dark green foliage, no diseases, hardiness excellent. The long graceful stems are allowed to cascade over a stone wall with plenty of delightful blooms which repeat well all season long. In autumn the blooms make lovely additions with other flowers in arrangements. Wilcox (1 pl 2 yrs 2x4' ON): Pretty bloom but fades within a day. Hardy. Will move into an area with a little shade to see if this helps blooms last (Alba heritage).

THE DARK LADY, S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '91). DR, dusky crimson, 41+ petals, strong old rose fragrance. Adamson (2 pls 3 yrs 3.5' ON): Dusky crimson, peony shaped, decorative form, very fragrant, very good substance. Not too strong a grower, healthy foliage, very little disease, hardiness is good. Very showy, large blooms, but some hang down. Baillie (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): Dusky crimson, peony shape bloom, decorative form, good substance. Strong bushy growth habit, good lax stems, very little blackspot, hardiness good. Fragrant, repeated well. I like it very much—of course I love fragrant red roses. Semsch (2 pls 2 yrs medium BC): Very big, very beautiful—a real showstopper. Got a 1st at Show. Good form and substance. Good bush, medium green foliage, blackspots badly, hardiness is good. The 1st year the branches were very floppy—I had to stake constantly to admire the blooms, but I added a handful of 0-0-50 twice—1st in November 2nd in January—improved dramatically. It's such a good and beautiful bush—I could not do without it. It's worth the extra care (spraying for mildew). It's my 2nd favourite Austin rose—1st is 'L.D. Braithwaite'. Wilcox (1 pl 2 yrs 4' ON): Many shades of mauve, rose, lavender, depending on conditions. A little blackspot and mildew, protect in winter. Large beautiful flowers, almost never without a bloom. (Last year for reporting this rose).

THE HERBALIST, S (English Rose) (Austin 94 int '91). DP, deep pink /golden stamens, 6-14 petals, slight fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 3 yrs 6' ON): Crimson/golden stamens, garden form, good substance. Upright growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardy. Produces mostly singles—one of the best 'Austin' roses.

(Last year for reporting this rose).

THE PILGRIM, S (English Rose) (Austin '91). MY, pure yellow, strong fragrance. (Galli (1 pl 4 yrs 4'6"x4' ON): Soft yellow/touch of white, very double bloom, exhibition form, continuous bloomer, in clusters more than singles, excellent substance. Good shape, some long shoots, foliage abundant but on small side, no disease, hardiness excellent, very fragrant. One of the best Austins. Tied and bent some long shoots of which I got lateral growth and more flowers. This rose is not a dropper, strong stems give support - excellent rose. Hopkins (1 pl 4 yrs 12' ON): Quartered bloom, garden form, good substance. Growth habit—upright to the sky, light green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Produces only a few blooms but it grows very tall. Ouellette (3 pls 2 & 3 yrs 2.25' QC): Cup-shaped form, very full quartered bloom with slight button centre, tight inner golden petals surrounded by a loose corolla—pale yellow, good substance. Bushy grower, mid green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness OK—no protection. Sooner or later every rose bush had some blackspot this season regardless of a regular spraying. This rose is not a heavy repeat bloomer but the need for yellow roses will tempt me to keep it until a better one comes along. Not much fragrance. Williams (1 pl 1 yr 3.5' BC): Delicate soft yellow, lovely flat old fashioned form, garden decorative, good substance. Upright growth habit, light green foliage, healthy, hardiness OK so far. A lovely garden rose, great cut flower, ages gracefully like 'Abraham Darby'. (Last year for reporting this rose).

TRADESCANT. S (English Rose) (Austin '94 int '93). DR, rich wine crimson turning to richest purple, 41+ petals, old rose fragrance. Cullen (8 pls 4 yrs 5'-9' NY): My favorite of the red English Roses remains 'The Squire' (for the beauty of the flower, black-red in the fall, more than the bush itself), but 'Tradescant' is a worthy rival, with its combination of purple-red velvet and intense Damask fragrance. Grows big but can be cut back. Graber (1 pl 3 yrs 3.5' ON): One of my favourites—full rosette form, dark wine red, clusters of 1-3, excellent repeat, good substance. Upright growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. Great fragrance like all Austin roses, tall oversized canes need pruning back to maintain compact bush. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 2.5' ON): Wine red bloom, rosette shape, garden form, fair substance. Compact grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardy. After 2 years still shows nothing worthwhile to look at. Wilcox (1 pl 2 yrs 3' ON): Beautiful rich wine red, turning to purple, medium sized bloom. A little blackspot, give winter

protection. One of my favourite Austins—the closest yet to the great Gallicas, ‘Tuscany’ and ‘Tuscany Superb’.

TREVOR GRIFFITHS, S (English rose) (Austin ‘97 int ‘94). DP, dusky pink, old rose fragrance. No reports.

WHITE FLOWER CARPET, S (ground cover) (Noak ‘94). W. Hay (5 pls 3 yrs 6” BC: Decorative form, very white fluffy blooms in clusters, very attractive, good substance, no perfume. Dark green shiny foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Excellent at the front of a rose or perennial bed. Roots easily, puts out long ground level shoots. Blooms all summer, good in planters.

WILLIAM BOOTH, S (Agriculture Canada, ‘99 - Explorer Series). DR, deep red bud changes to medium red, fades to light red, 5 petals, hardy to zone 3. Osborne (300+ pls 4 yrs 1.5m NB): Single bloom, 5.5 cm, deep red fading to deep pink/white centre, nearly continuous, fair to good substance. Arching pillar growth habit, glossy deep green foliage, no disease, very hardy in zone 4. Excellent candidate for a climber, never out of bloom, exceedingly healthy, single blossoms do not open fully flat, a useful rose. No fragrance.

WILTSHIRE, S (ground cover) (Kordes ‘93). MP, bright glowing pink. McLean (2 pls 1&2 yrs, BC): 1 shrub 2 yrs 30cm (1 ft), 1 standard budded at 1.3 m, 1 yr, 20 cm (8”), BC): Magnificent clusters of deep pink double (4 cm) blooms, generous repeat, good substance. Dark green foliage, survived 2 winters. Excellent floral display as ground cover shrub, usually enhanced as standard.

WINDFLOWER, S (English Rose) (Austin ‘97 int ‘94). LP, soft pink, pleasant fragrance. No reports.

WINNIPEG PARKS, S (Collicutt, Agriculture Canada ‘90 int ‘91 Parkland Series). DP, dark pink-red, dark pink reverse, 22 petals, some fragrance, survives in zone 2b. Grobel (1 pl 3 yrs 2.5’ AB): 3.5” bloom, flat to cupped form, in clusters of several flowers, good repeat, medium substance. Medium-low stout canes, medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, does well with no winter protection. Lots of bloom from early June till Fall freeze-up. Ouellette (6 pls 5 yrs 3-3.5’ QC): Abundant oval buds open to decorative form, incurving quite thick petals, in singles and clusters, slight fragrance Upright bushy grower, leathery dark green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness excellent. Buds open quickly and hold well on bush, repeat is excellent. Problem with cane dieback—will remove one bush entirely and prune out old canes from two others. Pickett (2

pls 3 yrs 24" MB): Semi-double deep pink bloom, fades when in vase, good substance. Nice bush, medium green foliage, no disease, no winter cover needed. Very nice plant—repeat flowering all summer, big bloom opens up flat and after a number of days it fades from the edges. Shewchuk (1 pl 4 yrs 2' AB): 3.5-4" bloom, cupped to open form, 26-30 petals, singly and in sprays of up to 5 blooms, lots of bloom, medium substance, light fragrance. Low sturdy bush, medium green semi-glossy foliage, no disease, survives winter well without any added cover. Blooms up till Fall snowfall. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MINIATURES

ABSOLUTELY, Min (Saville '98). YB, pale to medium yellow/dusting of apricot pink/reverse lighter, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. Decker (1 pl 1 yr AK): Multicoloured rose, more of a garden rose. Prolific bloomer, good substance. Spreading plant, has a nice colour.

ADAM'S SMILE, Min (Saville '87 int '91). DP, deep pink/lighter reverse, 25 petals, no fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

AMBER SUNSET, Min (Mander '96 int '96/97 CAN). OB, orange with orange and dark-yellow reverse, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr 12" ON): Bright colour, decorative form, floriferous, good substance. Spreading grower, dark foliage with a reddish tinge, some mildew.

AMERICAN ROSE CENTENNIAL (ARS CENTENNIAL), Min (Saville '91 int '92). PB, white edged pink, 50-55 petals, slight fragrance. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 26" ON): Pink blend—slightly ruffled edges, very double bloom, exhibition form, tight buds—holds petals, singles and clusters, continuous bloomer, excellent substance. Symmetrical, compact grower, good stems, abundant light green foliage, touch of mildew in October, hardiness excellent. Outstanding rose, very similar to 'Figurine' but seems stronger with more blooms. A very good rose—a definite keeper.

ANGELICA RENAE, Min (Wells '96). PB, Orange/pink blend, 26-40 petals, very slight fragrance, AoE '96. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs, AK): Clear medium pink, HT type, mostly singles. Disease resistant. Not rain resistant but a nice rose—lots of bloom and nice stems.

ANTIQUÉ GOLD, Min (Laver '95 int '96 CAN). YB, deep chrome yellow, tipped red, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Graber (9

pls 3 yrs 10-12" ON): Deep strong yellow flushed red with sun, exhibition form, singles and sprays of 5, good repeat from early spring until November '98, excellent substance. Upright grower, dark green glossy foliage, no disease, hardy for me with cover. Great edging plant for HT bed. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 10" ON): Deep yellow, exhibition form, good substance. Short neat growth habit, good green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. It's pretty when in bloom but there's not enough.

APRICOT DOLL, Min (Laver '90 int '91 CAN). ab, apricot and soft orange/yellow centres/reverse lighter, 30-35 petals, moderate fragrance. Galli (2 pls 5 yrs 10"x1.5' ON): Apricot/orange double bloom, exhibition form, one of the first to bloom, more clusters than singles, continuous bloomer, excellent substance, slight fragrance. Bit of a spreader—occasional long shoot, full light green foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. My neighbour won best spray for me in '96. Bright and cheerful—good rose. Stanton (5 pls 1-5 yrs, 10" ON): Very pretty colour, decorative form, good substance. Neat small growth habit, shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Pretty and floriferous, lots of sprays. (Last year for reporting this rose).

BAMBINO, Min (Saville '97 int '98). Micro-mini, OR, red-orange, 26-40 petals, no fragrance. Decker (1 pl 1 yr 12" AK): Bright orange, small double bloom, decorative form, good to excellent substance. Small foliage, disease resistant. Nice bright colour and fairly floriferous.

BEHOLD, Min (Saville '96 int '97). MY, clear bright medium yellow/reverse lighter, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. Decker (2 pls 2 yrs med AK): Clear mid-yellow, HT type, mostly singles, moderate number of blooms. Disease resistant. Best of the new yellows, rain-resistant and excellent substance, blooms last on plant.

BLESSED EVENT, Min (Laver '93 CAN). PB, white suffused pink, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. Heaslip (1 pl 1 yr 15" BC): White, edged pink, exhibition form, good substance. Slender growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease. First year plant—a bit stingy with bloom, may improve next year.

BLUE ICE, Min (Laver '93 CAN). M, deep lilac-lavender, 26-40 petals, fragrant. No reports.

BY DESIGN, Min (Laver '92 CAN). OB, 26-40 petals. No reports.

CALPOLY, Min (Moore '91 int '92). MY, non fading light

yellow, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance, AoE '92. No reports.

CALIFORNIA BLONDE, Min (Rennie '93 int '95 CAN). YB, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

CANDY SUNBLAZE (ROMANTIQUE MEILLANDINA), Min (Patio) (Meilland '91 int '92). DP, 40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

CARROT TOP (PANACHE) (TOP HIT), Min (Poulsen '91 int '94). OB, clear lasting orange, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Graber (1 pl 1 yr 10" ON): Really orange, strong non-fading, lots of bloom, opens flat, very good substance. Upright grower, mid-green foliage, no disease, hardy with cover. Kopecky (1 pl 1 yr 2' NE): Sometimes exhibition bloom, good substance. Upright tall grower, some blackspot. Grew this mini in a pot and the growth was outstanding, bloomed all year long but blooms opened quickly. Colour is a plus. Will see how it winters in the pot under my method of covering - 2" thick styrofoam box over the bed.

CHERRY WINE, Min (Jalbert '93 int '94 CAN). MR, medium red/hint of lavender at petal's base, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

CHILD'S PLAY, Min (Saville '91). W in U.S., PB in Canada. Pink/white bicolour, 20+ petals, moderate sweet fragrance, AoE '93, AARS '93. Galli (1 pl 4 yrs 2'x1.5' ON): Very vivid pink blend—bright, sharp, good eye. Double bloom, exhibition form, singles and clusters, continuous bloomer, excellent substance, slight fragrance. Compact upright grower, light green foliage—sparse towards end of season, 1st rose to blackspot in '96, no disease since then, hardiness very good. Rose resembles 'Pink Petticoat' except does not open as much and petals stay on forever. Very good rose. Hart (1 pl 5 yrs 8" ON): Pink and white bicolour, didn't bloom this summer. Slow growing—haven't had too good luck with my roses this past summer. Heaslip (4 pls 2 yrs 16" BC): Exhibition form, very good substance. Sturdy grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. The perfectly formed petals are white and tipped with varying amounts and depths of pink. (Last year for reporting this rose).

COPPER SUNSET, Min (Saville '88 int '92). OB. coppery orange flushed orange-red/reverse medium red, 21 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

CORAL 'N' GOLD, Min (Mander '95 CAN). OP, coral/salmon/pink blend inside/yellow centre/yellow cream reverse, no fragrance.

No reports.

COTTAGE GARDEN, Min (patio) (Harkness '92). OB, apricot-orange, 40+ petals, no fragrance. Ouellette (1 pl 1 yr 1' QC): Attractive coloured petals, decorative form, mostly singles, hold well on bush, quite good substance, slight fragrance. Bushy upright grower, medium green foliage, some blackspot. Blooms few this first year, fairly good repeat, blooms hold colour. Its small bush is a welcome addition to patio (pot) containers or in beds with other larger miniatures.

CHRYSTAL STAR, Min (J. Muha - Mori Miniatures '94 CAN). W, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

DAINTY BOUQUET, Min (Laver '94 int '96 CAN). MP, clear pink, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

DEBIDUE, Min (W.C. Williams '91). DP, magenta, 26-40 petals, AoE '92. Galli (1 pl 4 yrs 20" ON): Intense magenta colour, double bloom, exhibition form, clusters and singles, continuous bloomer 'til frost, very good substance, slight fragrance. Fairly symmetrical growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease—a bit of blackspot in '96, hardiness is very good. Good for border plant or on its own—good mini overall. (Last year for reporting this rose).

DELICIOUS, Min (Eric Welsh '95 int '94 AUS). MP, 24-30 petals, very fragrant. Graber (1 pl 2 yrs 14" ON): Medium delicate pink, fades lighter, exhibition form, excellent substance, lots of bloom, good repeat. We like this pink icing mini—should be better known.

DENVER'S DREAM, Min (Saville '95 int '94). OB, bright copper orange/red reverse, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs AK): Coppery orange bloom, mostly singles, definitely a garden rose. Disease resistant. Could be a better bloomer.

DIANA FESTIVAL, Min (Laver '96 CAN). LP, 12-14", slight fragrance. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 12"-14" ON): Light pink, soft, full, delicate, double bloom, exhibition form, 3 good flushes, all blooms are at tips of this rose, good substance, slight fragrance. Symmetrically round grower, medium green foliage, a bit of mildew late '97, hardiness very good. This rose did something I've never seen before—when 1st flush came it grew on tips of stems and looked like a bridal bouquet; then it just deadheaded itself and did the same thing 2 more times, and added a bit more height each time. Breathtaking—very good rose. Stanton (2 pls 2 yrs 12" ON): Pretty bloom, decorative form, good substance. Neat short growth habit,

light green foliage, some blackspot, hardiness is good. Not as much bloom as I'd like.

EVERGLO, Min (Laver '98 CAN). Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 10" ON): Bright colour, pretty bloom, decorative form, good substance. Neat growth habit, good green foliage, no disease. Too early to make a good assessment.

EXPLORER'S DREAM, Min (M. Williams '92). OP, deep orange pink/touch of yellow at base, 15 to 25 petals, no fragrance. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 26"x2' ON): Vivid orange blend with shades of pink, orange, yellow. Exhibition form bloom, continuous bloomer, balance of clusters, singles, excellent substance. Very bushy strong grower, abundant dark green foliage, bit of mildew in October, hardiness is excellent. Very happy rose with excellent colour, reminds me of Northern Ontario in the Fall. Do not use as border plant because people won't look beyond it.

FALL FESTIVAL, Min (Laver '97 CAN). RB, striped orange-red/splashes of yellow, 32 petals. Stanton (1 pl 2 yrs 15" ON): Striped red and yellow bloom, decorative form, floriferous, good substance. Tall grower, medium green foliage, no disease. Not as pretty to my mind as some.

FANCY POTLUCK, Min (Laver '98 CAN). DR, 35-40 petals. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 12" ON): Good red, fairly floriferous, high-centred form, good substance. Spreading grower, dark green foliage, no disease.

FIGURINE, Min (Benardella '91 int '92). W, ivory-tinged pink, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance, AoE '92. Galli (1 pl 3 yrs 16" ON): Soft colour bloom, exhibition form, high centre like H.T., more of a single bloomer than clusters, good repeat, fairly good substance, light fragrance. Not bushy—weak grower, sparse light green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A true lady's rose—delicate and formal. Planted late August '96, suffered a few years but has recovered. Fairly good rose. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 24" ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Compact growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. This is a winner—improves each year. Kopecky (1 pl 2 yrs 2' NE): Mostly exhibition form, good substance. Bushy growth habit, some blackspot, hardiness very good. One of the top exhibition minis but the timing must be right to show as it opens quickly. Looks like a miniature 'Pristine'. Stanton (4 pls 1-4 yrs 1.5' ON): Pretty bloom, flushed pink more so in cool weather, high-centred form, good substance. Tall spreading grower, good green foliage, rust,

hardiness is good. One of the prettiest.

FORTUNE COOKIE, Min (Saville '95 int '96). AB, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs AK): Lots of pastel multicoloured loose blooms, some mildew.

FRAGRANT MORNING, Min (Rennie '90 int '91 CAN). MY, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Brisbane (1 pl 5 yrs 18" BC): Soft pure yellow, small bloom of exhibition form, borne mostly singly, quite floriferous all season, excellent substance, very fragrant. Neat, compact growth habit, medium green foliage, no disease, hardy for me. A 'lady-like' bloom, not a 'pushy' colour—just an attractive, very pleasant rose. Galli (1 pl 4 yrs 2'x2.5' ON): Medium yellow, bright yellow when opening, exhibition form, more singles than clusters, continuous bloomer, very good substance, moderate fragrance. 1st mini to bloom for 3 years straight. Compact strong growth habit, abundant dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. Opens rather quickly and petals fall fast but replaced rather quickly with new flowers. Above average mini. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GALA GOLD, Min (Laver '93 int '94 CAN). DY, golden yellow, 30 petals, no fragrance. No reports.

GLORY BE, Min (Saville '94 int '95). DY, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs AK): Nice medium yellow rose, very good substance, disease resistant—but 'Behold' is better!!

GLOWING AMBER, Min (Mander '96 CAN). RB, scarlet red/deep yellow reverse/yellow centre, 35 petals, slight fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr BC): Very intense, unusual blend of colours, classic HT form, long lasting, mostly singles, excellent substance. Upright grower with long stems, dark green glossy foliage, no disease, hardy for me. Prize winner in many countries. Decker (1 pl 1 yr 12" AK): Dark red and gold, HT type form, long lasting, sparse blooming, single blooms—no sprays, excellent substance. Nice looking mini, interesting colour, but sparse foliage—probably needs another year to evaluate. Dobell (1 pl 1 yrs 24" BC): Very many lovely buds, bloom red inside petals, yellow out, good form, holds its shape and colour well, good substance. Excellent growth habit, bright green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. A nice easy plant to grow and gives lots of bloom. Graber (2 pls 1 yr 14" ON): Deep red and gold, beautiful exhibition HT shaped blooms and lots of them, very good substance. Upright grower, dark green shiny foliage, no disease. Saw this lovely mini at every show in U.S. and England—a must have! Heaslip (3 pls 2 yrs 16" BC): Striking port

wine colour with gold reverse, perfect exhibition form, very good substance. Bushy grower with long stems, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. My plants are as described but I have seen the occasional bloom where the red and gold are striped—I prefer not! Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 18" ON): Velvet red with yellow reverse, exhibition high-centred form, excellent substance. Upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease. High hopes for this rose—it's a buy. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr ON): Colour changes to red as it ages, bright and eye catching, decorative form, good substance. Spreading grower, dark green foliage flushed red, no disease.

GOLDEN BERYL, Min (Mander '95 CAN). YB, deep yellow/brushed orange inside petals, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 15" BC): Very attractive yellow blend—the orange 'brush marks' add to it. Exhibition form bud and bloom, mostly singles, very floriferous, heavy substance. Neat compact growth habit, small, dark green foliage, disease-free. An excellent addition to the yellow blends. Dobe11 (1 pl 1 yr 8" BC): Described as gold with red lines but my plant was just gold. Very nice exhibition bud but opens to a flat bloom and turns dull pink, good substance. Not vigorous grower, dark green foliage, blackspot, fair hardiness. I was somewhat disappointed that the lovely bud becomes a flat flower and changes colour. Heaslip (3 pls 1 yr 14" BC): Perfect exhibition form, very good substance. Nice compact grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness good so far. Lovely golden bloom petals touched with orange. I especially like the tidy uniform growth habit. Porter (1 pl 4 yrs 7" SK): Light orange to golden yellow, ages red, exhibition form, petals roll into points, 2" bloom when fully open, one per stem, sparse bloomer. Low weak grower, dark green semi-glossy relatively small foliage, some blackspot, needs winter protection. My plant is not vigorous but may be suffering from competition with nearby perennials. It took all summer to come into bloom. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr 10" ON): Good yellow, flushed red, high-centred form, good substance. Neat growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease. Looks like a winner.

GOLDEN HALO, Min (Saville '91). MY, brilliant canary yellow, 24-26 petals, slight fragrance, AoE '91. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

GOLDEN PROMISE, Min (Laver '92 int '93 CAN). No reports.

GONE FISHIN', Min (Saville '92 int '93). OB, bright orange, 28-35 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

GOOD MORNING AMERICA, Min (Saville '91). MY, bright

yellow, 55-60 petals, fruity fragrance, AoE '91. Porter (1 pl 8 yrs 16" SK): Medium yellow, usually tipped red—especially as it ages, exhibition form, excellent substance. Bushy growth habit, dark green semi-glossy foliage, some blackspot, hardiness OK with protection. This has been a very reliable rose but it seems to have lost some vigour in the past year or so.

HAP RENSHAW, Min (Rennie '91 CAN): AB, pale apricot blend, slight fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

HEAVEN SCENT PINK, Min (patio) (Jalbert '96 int '97 CAN). LP, soft pink, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 20" BC): Lovely delicate pink, medium size very double bloom, decorative form, very good substance. The scent is out-of-this-world—a much needed fragrant pink! Vigorous grower, can be kept bushy by pruning early, medium green glossy foliage, no disease to date. I'm so happy I discovered this rose—try it and enjoy! Chambers (1 pl 1 yr 16" NS): Light delicate pink, medium size double blooms, decorative form, good substance. Strong upright stems, untidy and rangy growth habit, deep green foliage, blackspot in September, wintered well with protective covering. A fragrant rose to be enjoyed as a cut flower or giving beauty to the garden. Early pruning necessary to avoid rangy growth. Heaslip (4 pls 1 yr 16" BC): Full petalled decorative form bloom, very, very fragrant, very good substance. Strong grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness—so far OK. I have 4 plants in an urn and can't pass it without being aware of the OGR fragrance—wouldn't be without it! Porter (1 pl 1 yr 15" SK): Light flesh-pink, ages with red flecks, very double exhibition form, about 5 rows of petals, 1.5" bloom, borne one per stem, excellent substance. Upright grower so far, semi-glossy medium green foliage—average size but sparse, some blackspot in fall. A lovely rose with a pleasing scent—strong and spicy. Disappointed to see it gets blackspot. Prominent prickles. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr 10" ON): Pretty high-centred scented bloom, good substance. Spreading vigorous grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Made excellent growth for a newly planted specimen.

HOT TAMALE (SUNBIRD), Min (Zary '93 int '94). YB, yellow-orange blend changing to yellow-pink, finishing pink and white blend, 26-40 petals, AoE '94. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs med AK): Orange and yellow—nice bright colour, again mostly singles, HT type, opens quickly, good substance. Disease resistant.

ICE QUEEN, Min (Saville '91 int '93). W, white with pink tints,

60 petals, no fragrance. Sport of 'Cupcake'. Decker (1 pl 6 yrs AK): More petals than the others, picks up pink in cooler weather, may not open in cool rain, prolific. Disease resistant. Stanton (1 pl 5 yrs 15" ON): Pretty bloom, exhibition form, prolific, excellent substance. Spreading vigorous grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Sprays and singles, always in bloom.

INNOCENCE, Min (Saville '97). W, light yellow in centre/white on outer edge/reverse yellow to white, 26-41 petals, slight fragrance. Decker (2 pls 3 yrs AK): Ivory bloom, HT type exhibition form, fairly prolific, very good substance, mostly singles. Dark green foliage, disease resistant. Nice rose and fairly rain-resistant.

IVORY FESTIVAL, Min (Laver '97 CAN): W, near ivory, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Stanton (1 pl 1yr 15" ON): Pretty white bloom, decorative form, good size, good substance. Small neat grower, light green foliage, no disease. Fragrant.

JERRY-O, Min (Saville '98). MR. Decker (AK): Light red colour, large blooms, long stems, singles, medium repeat bloom, good substance, didn't particularly notice fragrance. Weather resistant, healthy. Will re-evaluate.

JINGLE BELLS, Min (patio) (Zary int '95). RB, AoE '95. No reports.

JITTERBUG, Min (Warriner '92 int '93). OB, orange/slightly lighter reverse, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

KLIMA, Min (climbing) (Saville '93). DY, semi-double 6-14 petals, no fragrance. No reports.

KRISTIN (PIROUETTE), Min (Benardella '92 int '93). RB, red/white bicolour, 27-30 petals, AoE '93. Decker (2 pls 5 yrs AK): White with heavy red shadings, HT form, excellent substance. Some mildew. Holds its perfect shape for long time, mostly singles, long stems. Some mildew, not weather resistant. Heaslip (2 pls 3 yrs 12-15" BC): Exhibition form—at times, good substance. Growth habit varies, large foliage (sometimes), no disease. Have grown 3 plants: one did not winter over, another's blooms were different 2nd year (producing larger medium red blooms), 3rd one still true to official description. Hopkins (3 pls 4 yrs 2' ON): White/red bicolour, double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Compact grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. A must rose for people who grow mini roses. Kopecky (2 pls 4 yrs 18" NE): Always exhibition form, excellent substance. Bushy grower, no disease so far, hardiness very good. Still think this is one of the best

minis around. It lasts and lasts on the bush, can be used in so many ways that it is sometimes hard to decide where to place it in the show. An excellent rose for me. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr 15" ON): Good blend, high-centred form, good substance, floriferous. Vigorous grower, good medium green foliage, lots of mildew. It would bloom better if mildew didn't spoil it, does not open readily—not sure if it's mildew or just its habit.

LEMON SWIRL, Min (Rennie '92 CAN). LY, 15 to 25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

LIGHTS OF BROADWAY, Min (Saville '93 int '94). RB, 41+ petals, no fragrance. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 15" ON): Full-petalled dark orange bloom, decorative form, floriferous, good substance. Tall vigorous growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease. Not a shape of bloom to please some but eye-catching and very attractive.

LITTLE WINGS, Min (Smith '94). W, single - 5 petals. No reports.

LIVING BOUQUET (YELLOW FESTIVAL), Min (Laver '91 CAN). LY, light canary yellow, 40-50 petals, no fragrance. Ouellette (3 pls 4 yrs 6" QC): Small pale yellow very double blooms, exhibition form, spent blooms shatter cleanly, excellent substance. Low bushy growth habit, small mid-green foliage, some blackspot, needs some winter protection. Small bedding rose, not a heavy bloomer. Bush stays small, and visitors comment on the exquisite buds and half-opened blooms. (Last year for reporting this rose).

MAKE MINE SHERRY, Min (Lougheed '94 CAN). RB. No reports.

MANTEO, Min (Bridges '93). MP, 15-25 petals. No reports.

MAVERICK, Min (Laver '95 CAN). RB (striped), medium red/striped light pink, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 15" ON): Pretty red blend, decorative form, good substance. Tall vigorous grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Good looking garden rose—amount of bloom improved considerably in a new location. Veffer (2 pls 2 yrs 2' ON): 1" bloom, double, exhibition form, in clusters, floriferous, good substance. Steady grower, OK foliage, blackspot, hardiness good—no protection. Nice rose —good blooms.

MISS FLIPPINS, Min (Tucker '97). MR, medium red/deep pink reverse, 25-35 petals, no fragrance. Decker (AK): Bright red,

definitely exhibition HT type form, excellent substance. Disease resistant. Nice rose, holds colour well, long stemmed—will probably get another. Kopecky (1 pl 1 yr 18" NE): Usually exhibition form, very good substance. Upright grower, no disease this year. Another new mini for me and one of the better ones. With so many minis being introduced it is hard to pick a good one. 'Miss Flippins' fills the bill for me.

NOVA HIT, Min (Bearcreek ?). LP, 25-30 petals, no fragrance. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 2'x1.5' ON): Light pink, dark stamens, exhibition form, more singles than clusters, continuous bloomer, petals stay on forever, excellent substance. Growth habit is bushy, upright, strong, attractive, abundant light green foliage, no disease, hardiness excellent. Excellent rose—why not recognized? Buy it!

OPENING ACT, Min (Jalbert '93 int '94 CAN). DR, 5 petals, no fragrance. Brisbane (2 pls 4 yrs 18" BC): A most unusual miniature rose—dark red leaning towards purple, golden stamens, 5 pointed petals, rather small blooms, mostly singles, long lasting when cut, excellent substance. Loose spreading growth, habit taller than most of my minis, medium green matte foliage, no disease, hardy for me. I like 'different' minis and this certainly is—try it. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 24" ON): Medium red single bloom, velvety look and feel to petals, open to reveal golden stamens, decorative form, exhibition for singles, mostly clusters, 3-4 flushes per season, nice orange red hips. Excellent substance, holds petals. More tall than wide, medium green foliage (would like to see bit more foliage), little disease—bit of mildew in October, hardiness excellent. Should have been called 'Victorian Rose'—very noble. A real favourite with the public in showings—excellent rose.

PACIFIC SERENADE, Min (Saville '97 int '98). DY, deep yellow fades to medium yellow, 15-25 petals, fragrant. Decker (1 pl 1 yr tall AK): Medium yellow, HT type bloom, decorative form, mostly singles, quite prolific, good substance. Disease resistant, fairly long stems. Need to re-evaluate.

PAINTER'S TOUCH, Min (Laver '98 CAN). YB, rich golden yellow, petals edged in red. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 12" ON): Brilliant combination of orange, red and yellow, decorative form, good substance. Spreading grower, shiny green foliage, no disease. Has real promise.

PALMETTO SUNRISE, Min (M. Williams '92 int '93). OB, orange/yellow base/yellow reverse, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance, AoE '93. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 20" ON): Bright orange/yellow blend,

double bloom, exhibition form, clusters and singles, good repeater, good substance. Good balanced shape, light green foliage, fairly abundant, no disease, hardiness very good, slight fragrance. A polite rose which opens rather quickly—consider an average mini rose.

PARTY POPCORN, Min (Laver '93 CAN). W, 26-40 petals. No reports.

PEACH FESTIVAL, Min (Laver '97 CAN). OP, 40+ petals, slight fragrance. Freeman (1 pl 1 yr 6" ON): Perfect HT form, lively colour, one to a stem, substance excellent. If it makes it through the winter it will be a winner. Galli (5 pls 1 yr 2'x1' ON): Bright peach pink, very rich and clear, eye-catcher, very double, singles and clusters, exhibition form and holds petals well, continuous bloom, some blooms as large as a Floribunda, excellent substance. Vigorous grower, strong stems, good foliage, no disease. Beautiful rose, so far blooms are a bit too big for size of bush, but is that a fault? Won Queen of Show for me. Stanton (2 pls 1-2 yrs 15" ON): Lovely peach pink, high-centred, floriferous, good substance. Tall vigorous growth habit, dark shiny foliage, mildew, hardiness is good. A really pretty rose.

PINK BOUQUET (PINK FESTIVAL), Min (Laver '90 int '91 CAN). LP, blush pink/very deep pink eye, 55-60, no fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

PLEASANTLY PINK, Min (Laver '92 CAN). Stanton (1 pl 6 yrs 18" ON): Lots of pretty singles, decorative form, good substance. Tall grower, small dark foliage, no disease. Still my favourite mini.

PLUM DANDY, Min (Warriner '91). M, medium lavender/lighter near petal base/same reverse, 35 petals, moderate fruity fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

POTLUCK PINK, Min (Laver '92 int '93 CAN). MP, strong rose pink, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

POTLUCK BLUE, Min (Laver '95 CAN). M, lavender-blue/silver reverse, 15-25 petals, no fragrance. Galli (4 pls 2 yrs 10"x1' ON): Mauve with shades of white, crisp clear colour, exhibition form, more singles than clusters, continuous bloomer, very good substance. Small compact bush, light green fairly abundant foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. Beautiful colour, petals stay on flower quite some time, tight opening, stays a while before blowing bloom—very good rose.

PRIDE 'N' JOY, Min (Warriner '91 int '92). OB, coppery orange/yellow reverse, 30-35 petals, fruity fragrance, AARS '92. Porter (2 pls 7 yrs 13" SK): Light orange ages light red, exhibition form, one per stem, floriferous, excellent substance. Bushy grower, relatively small dark green semi-glossy foliage, no disease with preventative spraying for mildew, hardiness OK with protection. Not an outstanding rose but it has proven to be a reasonably hardy and reliable bloomer for me. The colour is best when first open. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 15" ON): Pretty orange fades to pink, decorative form, good substance. Spreading grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Interesting that in a year of mildew this one, that has lost all its foliage in years past, is healthy.

PURPLE SUNSET, Min (Mander '92 int '96 CAN). M, bi-colour purple/cream reverse. No reports.

RAINBOW'S END, CLIMBING, Min Cl (O'Brien '98). YB, bright yellow edged with scarlet, reverse slightly lighter, 26-40 petals, no fragrance. Decker (1 pl 1 yr Cl-4' AK): Bright yellow with orange, HT type, disease resistant. Had better control of my minis—seemed to respond better to my spray program. Sparse blooms the first year—expecting more next year.

REIKO, Min (Jalbert '95 CAN). PB, medium pink/lighter pink reverse/occasionally flushed mauve, 15-25 petals, sweet fragrance. Dobell (1 pl 1 yr 12" BC): Beautiful exhibition shape and holds its colour to the end, fragrant too, great substance. Good growth habit, bright foliage, no disease. I can't decide which I love best, 'Reiko' or 'Sandalwood'! Each is different but wonderful. Galli (12 pls 1 yr 20" ON): Soft light pink, very double bloom, exhibition (short time), good substance. Bushes in light shade doing better than ones in full sun, abundant smooth light green foliage, no disease. Heavy strong fragrance—of all the minis it is the most fragrant. When visitors come to view garden this is the rose I clip to give them and everyone says AAH! or WOW!. The only fault of this rose is that it opens fairly quickly. Graber (2 pls 4 yrs 12" ON): Lovely pink, flushed mauve at times, 2" diameter blooms on long stems for cutting, HT form, excellent substance, good repeat. Compact grower, no disease, hardy with cover. One of best pinks for showing—why is this a pink blend? Haracka (1 pl 2 yrs 12" BC): Beautiful luminescent pink, long tapered Hybrid Tea type form, good substance. Glossy bright green foliage, susceptible to blackspot—has to be sprayed. This is a very delicate looking rose—perfectly formed and scented! Heaslip (3 pls 2 yrs 16" BC): Shimmering baby pink, perfect exhibition form, very good

substance, profuse bloom, quick repeat, fragrant. Bushy grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Porter (1 pl 4 yrs 9" SK): Large double bloom but sparse, exhibition form, excellent substance. Upright grower, medium to light green foliage, no disease, needs winter protection. Not very vigorous or impressive, but I realized this year it is being shaded by some adjacent perennials. Individual blooms are very attractive. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 15" ON): Very pretty pink, exhibition form, good substance. Upright grower, shiny foliage, rust, hardiness is fair. A little scarce but worth waiting for.

RISING STAR, Min (Jalbert '95 CAN). PB, white edged pink, 35-40 petals. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 20" BC): White edged coral pink—delightful. Large very double blooms, exhibition form, petals hold well, a continuous bloomer, mostly singles, excellent substance. Vigorous grower, long straight stems, abundant dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. Larger bush and larger blooms than most minis—for me it's a patio rose—and a great one. Galli (1 pl 1 yr 22" ON): Apricot blend, shades of pink as it ages, similar to 'Peach Festival' but not as clear, very double bloom, exhibition form, holds petals well, excellent substance, slight fragrance. Great symmetrical shape, dark green abundant foliage, no disease. Will definitely purchase more! Heaslip (3 pls 2 yrs 18" BC): Coral pink—white base and reverse, perfect exhibition form, very good substance. Tall grower, medium green foliage, no disease. Long strong single stems—perfect for exhibition or arranging. Porter (1 pl 1 yr 18" SK): Cream with pink picotee edges, large bloom—nearly 2.5" when fully open, exhibition form, one per stem, excellent substance. Upright very vigorous grower, average to large matte green foliage, a bit sparse, no disease. Very pleased with first year performance. Wish I had planted it at the back of the bed instead of the front, because of its height. Semeniuk (1 pl 2 yrs 15" BC): Attractive 2.5" wide blooms, singly on sturdy stems, star-shaped exhibition form, good substance. bushy, spreading and upright grower, dark green foliage, no disease, hardy so far. I like this one—very attractive flowers, quick to repeat, compact grower, a good choice if you like bicolours.

RIVERDANCE, Min (Laver '98 CAN). PB, white and pink stripes. Stanton (2 pls 1 yr 12" ON): Pretty pink and white bloom, decorative form, good substance. Vigorous grower, good green foliage, no disease, floriferous.

ROYAL VICTORIA, Min (Laver '91 CAN). OP, coral pink/silvery reverse, 41+ petals, fragrant. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 12"-14" ON):

Bright and happy colour—coral pink/silver reverse, very double, exhibition form, holds petals, more singles than clusters, continuous bloomer, substance very good, fragrant. Compact grower—a bit low, abundant light green foliage, no disease, hardiness very good. Good for front of beds, a striking colour. Would like to see a bit more height so that the flowers it bears are compatible with size of bush—fairly good rose. Ouellette (4 pls 6 yrs 8" QC): H.T. form, mostly singles, holds shape on bush, attractive colour every stage, substance very good, slightly fragrant. Compact upright growth habit, semi-glossy medium green foliage, blackspot, give winter protection. Not a vigorous rose in my garden. (Last year for reporting this rose).

RUBIES 'N' PEARLS, Min (Mander '92 CAN). M, purple/cream bicolour/dark purple inside of petals, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Galli (1 pl 2 yrs 30"x12" ON): Intense colour, double bloom, exhibition form, more singles than clusters, only 2 flushes this year, very good substance, slight fragrance. Nice tall upright grower, abundant dark green foliage, no disease but caterpillars like this one, hardiness very good. Flowers open fairly quickly, don't stay tight—above average rose. Haracka (2 pls 4 yrs to 30" BC): Ruby/white reverse, darkens to purple with age, large bud, larger blooms than traditional minis, good form, good repeat bloom, excellent substance. Taller than other minis, dark green shiny foliage, this year has been free of blackspot and mildew, hardiness good. Blooms last a long time on these two minis. Stanton (1 pl 5 yrs 15-18" ON): Pretty mauve/silver reverse, exhibition form, good substance. Tall upright grower, shiny foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Strong grower, could be more floriferous.

SANDALWOOD, Min (Jalbert '95 CAN). R, russet with lighter edges, 15-25 petals. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 12" BC): Lovely terra cotta colour, lightens a bit with age but stays very attractive, exhibition form, very floriferous, excellent substance, singles and clusters, very good substance, one of the first to bloom. Neat compact growth habit, medium size mid green foliage, no disease. I love this one—none like it! Dobell (1 pl 1 yr 12" BC): Rich terra cotta, a lovely pinky brown. Masses of lovely blooms and a lovely shape as buds or open flowers, good substance. Good green foliage, some blackspot. I really fell for this mini—so different in colour, rich in flowering and a wee gem. Heaslip (3 pls 2 yrs 15" BC): Unusual colour, 2" exhibition form bloom, keeps well cut or on the plant, good substance. Strong compact growth habit, foliage size to complement the bloom, no disease, hardiness is good. The terra

cotta colour fades attractively—one of my favourites.

SANTA CLAUS, Min (Oleson '91 int '94). DR, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

SCENTSATIONAL, Min (Saville '95.) M, light lavender, 6-14 petals, very fragrant. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs tall, AK): A light lavender, rather loose HT style, blooms open quickly, seems always to have blooms, good substance. Very fragrant. Spreading growth habit.

SCHOOL DAYS, Min (Saville '93 int '94). DY, 26-40 petals, no fragrance. No reports

SEATTLE SCENTATION, Min (Saville '97). PB, slight pink/mauve/yellow, 15-25 petals, very fragrant. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs tall AK): More pink than 'Scentsational' but same great fragrance, similar plant and quick opening blooms. Had mostly singles, good substance. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 12" ON): Pretty combination of colours, some fragrance, decorative form, good substance. Neat grower, light green foliage, no disease.

SECRET OBSESSION, Min (Rennie '95 CAN). LP. 31-35 petals, slight fragrance. No reports.

SERENE BOUQUET, Min (Laver '98 CAN). PB, bright pink/white reverse, lightly fragrant. Galli (1 pl 1 yr 18" ON): Soft pink/white edge, very double, exhibition form, petals don't fall with age, more singles than clusters, good repeat, excellent substance, slight fragrance. Strong stems, irregular growth, abundant dark green foliage, no disease,. This rose reminds me of a little girl's pink and white birthday cake. Good-looking rose. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 18" ON): Lots of multi-blooming sprays, lovely colour, high-centred form holds well, good substance. Tall vigorous grower, good green foliage, no disease.

SHORTCAKE, Min (Keisei '91). RB, red/white reverse, 30-35 petals, no fragrance. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SILKEN LAUMANN, Min (Laver '93 int '94 CAN). OB, luminous orange/yellow reverse, 26-40 petals, slight fragrance, 1994 Commonwealth Games miniature. Brisbane (2 pls 6 yrs 18" BC): Still find the colour very exciting, and so do visitors. Exhibition form, petals hold forever, mostly singles, excellent repeat, very good substance. Sturdy compact grower, dark green foliage. They didn't like the move to our new garden but still holding on. Hopkins (2 pls 2 yrs 18" ON): Exhibition form double bloom, good substance. Bushy growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease, hardy. One of

my favourite mini roses.

SINCERELY YOURS, Min (Moore '91 int '92). MR, 6-14 petals, no fragrance, AoE '92. No reports.

SMALL MIRACLE, Min (Warriner '93). W, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Decker (1 pl 6 yrs AK): More ivory in cool weather, opens flat, has definite flushes of bloom, small clusters. Disease resistant. Nice rose—probably not exhibition.

SPRINGWOOD PURPLE, Min (Laver '90 int '91). DP, deep fuchsia pink, 25-30 petals, no fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 8 yrs 12" ON): Light purple/mauve, garden form double bloom, good substance. Compact grower, dark green foliage, no disease, very hardy. Blooms early and in bloom most of year. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 12" ON): Pretty mauve pink and lots of it, decorative form, good substance. Small neat grower, medium green foliage, rust, hardiness is good. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SPRINGWOOD WHITE (WHITE FESTIVAL), Min (Laver '91 CAN). W, 41+ petals, slight fragrance. Porter (1 pl 6 yrs 11" SK): Decorative form bloom, one per stem, rarely in bloom, good substance. Weak upright grower, dark green foliage, slight blackspot—hardiness poor—needs very good protection. This weakling came through an exceptionally mild winter (and was heavily mulched) with more vigour than it's had in years, but still mustered only 1 bloom in late October. Not recommended here. (Last year for reporting this rose).

STRIPED PET, Min (Laver '93 CAN). PB, variable pink stripes on white, 15-25 petals, fragrant. Stanton (1 pl 4 yrs 12" ON): Pretty red and white stripe, high-centred form, good substance, floriferous. Strong grower, neat and compact, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good.

SUMMER FESTIVAL, Min (Laver '97 CAN). RB, red/white striped, delicate fragrance. Stanton (2 pls 2 yrs 10" ON): Pretty red and white stripe, decorative form, good substance. Small grower, small foliage, some mildew, fair substance. Unfortunately it lacks vigour and both plants are fading away and, as others around it are growing well, it would seem that this is the weak sister.

SUMMER WEDDING, Min (Jalbert '95 int '96 CAN). MP, 26-40 petals, light fragrance. Galli (1 pl 1 yr 16" ON): Bright light pink, flecks of deep pink on some blooms, double bloom, exhibition form, more singles than clusters, good bloomer and good repeater, substance excellent, light fragrance. Good shape, abundant medium

green foliage, no disease. Fairly good rose—so far a good front bedding rose. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 10" ON): Pretty pink, darkening in fall, decorative form, good substance. Neat round growth habit, dark green foliage, no disease.

SUN CHARIOT, Min (Jalbert '95 CAN). MY, gold stamens, 15-25 petals, fragrant. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 20" BC): Beautiful yellow bloom with bright gold stamens, large blooms, decorative form, mostly singles, continuous bloomer, excellent substance and to top it all, it's fragrant. Patio size rose for me, one plant fills a large planter, dark green glossy foliage. Recommend it to everyone—visitors love it. Chambers (1 PL 1 YR 8" NS): Yellow with salmon pink edges, semi-double, decorative form, singles, good substance, light fragrance. Bushy grower, glossy green foliage, tendency to blackspot, wintered well with protection. Very pleasing rose with its delicate colouring, but did not reach expected height. Ouellette (1 pl 2 yrs 18" QC): Bright yellow/slight salmon edge, deep yellow stamens, fades pale yellow, decorative form, opens flat, good repeat. Upright bushy grower, medium glossy green foliage, some blackspot, fragrant. Striking plant in small rose garden, receives a good deal of attention from visitors. Will increase number of bushes.

SUPER CASCADE CORAL, Min (Jalbert '96 CAN). OP, coral, 50 petals, slight fragrance. Brisbane (1 pl 1 yr 18" BC): Another beauty—warm coral blooms with very frilly petals, and it cascades! Decorative form, floriferous, singles and clusters, good substance. Glossy dark green foliage, no disease. Mine is very happy in a large planter—would also be good in a hanging basket. Chambers (1 pl 1 yr 12" NS): Brilliant coral, eye catching! Decorative form blooms grow in profusion, in clusters and singles, hold well in hot sun, good substance. Cascading growth habit, glossy green foliage, blackspot in September, wintered well with protection. I was delighted with this miniature rose until September when it developed blackspot—must use a preventative early next season. Dobell (1 pl 1 yr 12" BC): Pretty bloom and keeps its colour throughout the season, good form, fairly good substance. This was supposed to be a free-growing plant to hang out of the container but this 1st year did not do so. Only a small plant, bright green foliage, no disease. Graber (1 pl 3 yrs 10"x14" ON): Bright coral/salmon 2" bloom, frilly petals, quartered centres, many sprays, good repeat, good substance. Spreading grower, dark green glossy foliage, no disease, hardy with cover. Great in hanging basket—still blooming in November this year. Hart (1 pl 1 yr 10" ON): Scarce blooms but

long-lasting, singles, good substance. Blackspot, hardiness is good. A nice, flowering rose, very pretty shade of coral. Rain (1 pl 1 yrs 1' BC): Lovely uniform coral bloom with frilly petals, holds colour, singles and sprays of 3 all summer—even up to November, excellent substance. Strong vigorous grower, small light green foliage, blackspot only in late Fall. Spreads 18" x 8" low to ground, blooms last a long time. A good splash of colour in any bed—was grown in full sun in a north facing bed. Stanton (3 pls 1 yr 15" ON): Good deep coral, decorative form bloom, good substance. Strong spreading grower, dark green foliage, no disease. Good garden rose, lots of bloom.

SUZY, Min (Bridges '90 int '91). MP, medium pink, near white at base blending to light pink, 38-40 petals, slight fragrance, AoE '91. No reports. (Last year for reporting this rose).

SUZY Q, Min (Warriner /Zary '91 int '92). MP, medium shell-pink, deeper at petal margins, 40-45 petals, no fragrance. No reports.

TOP MARKS, Min (patio) (Fryers int '92). OR, vibrant vermilion, RNRS GM, GM The Hague, UK ROTY 1992, Baden-Baden GM, Geneva Certificate of Merit. Anonymous (submitted by Pauline Hargraves) (1 pl 3 yrs 1.5' BC): Bright scarlet—hits you in the eye, plenty of bloom, good form, very good substance, no obvious perfume. Vigorous grower, dark green foliage, little mildew. Really enjoyed it.

TOUCHÉ, Min (Laver '95 int '96 CAN). OP, 41+ petals, very fragrant. Stanton (1 pl 3 yrs 12" ON): Pretty bloom, decorative form, floriferous, good substance. Neat upright strong healthy grower, shiny light green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good.

TRICKSTER, Min (Bridges '95). RB, red/white reverse, 28-30 petals, very fragrant. No reports.

TROPICAL TWIST, Min (Walden '97). AB, dark orange-yellow, AoE '97. No reports.

VELVET TOUCH, Min (Saville '93 int '94). MR, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 2 yrs 18" ON): Double bloom, exhibition form, good substance. Compact grower, medium green foliage, no disease, hardiness is good. Lovely blooms. Stanton (1 pl 1 yr 12" ON): Pretty dark red, full petalled, decorative form, good substance. Neat grower, small dark green foliage, no disease.

VISTA, Min (Saville '94). M, soft lavender, 15-25 petals, slight

fragrance. Decker (1 pl 4 yrs low AK): 'Angel Face' colouring, more H.T. shape, some fragrance, healthy. Rather nice plant—seems always to have a few blooms.

WARM WELCOME, Cl Min (Chris Warner '92 int '91). OR, orange-vermilion, 5-10 petals, fragrant, NZ GM 1987, RNRS PIT 1988. Anonymous (submitted by Pauline Hargraves) (1 pl 3 yrs 4' after heavy pruning, BC): Bright orange/scarlet, single, good form, very good bloom and substance, light perfume. Vigorous, even after moving this year, dark green very nice foliage. Very much enjoyed. Brisbane (1 pl 3 yrs 7' BC): Another great climbing mini! This one has everything, vibrant orange-vermilion, 5 frilly petals, very floriferous, continuous bloomer and they last and last, singles and clusters, excellent substance, strong vigorous grower, small dark green foliage, new foliage reddish, no disease but watch carefully for aphids—they love it! Hardy, and first to leaf out in spring. Moved it from a balcony planter where it grew to 6', to our new garden where it never even noticed the move and grew to 6' again. I topped it, but it just got wider. My favourite for performance and wonderful colour. Decker (1 pl 2 yrs 3+' AK): 5 petalled bright orange bloom, excellent substance. Own-root rose, much better the second year—was about 3 ft. but lots of bright single blooms in clusters. Will probably be taller this year. Graber (3 pls 3 yrs 6' ON): Orange-red with yellow eye, single frilly petals, always in bloom and lots of them, excellent substance. Vigorous upright grower, very healthy, hardy. A must have! Hargraves (1 pl 4 yrs 3' BC): Orangy-rust semi-double bloom, scanty, almost no perfume, normal mini form, poor substance. Fan shaped growth habit, quite stunning foliage but loses leaves all summer, some mildew, hardy—well protected with bark mulch. This mini-climber started off its first 2 years in 2 different sized pots. I felt it was too tall for a pot and difficult to move around. Since transferring into the garden it has grown well but stems are weak and spindly. In some cases the bud dries out, turns black and drops off. Blooms are so lovely, so will give it another year to shape up. I have been informed that this rose needs Epsom Salts in March so the problem is with ME. (Last year for reporting this rose).

WHOOPI, Min (Saville '91 int '92). RB, red and white bicolor, 28-32 petals, spicy fragrance. Hopkins (1 pl 1 yr 10" ON): This little mini was a bust in 1998 so I won't say Whoopi!

WISTFUL, Min (Saville '94 int '95). M, 15-25 petals, slight fragrance. Decker (1 pl 3-4 yrs AK): HT type bloom, long-lasting, sort of a ruddy mid-purple, mostly singles, quite floriferous,

excellent substance. Disease resistant.

X-RATED, Min (Bennett '93 int '94). PB, white/pink edging, 26-40 petals, very fragrant. Decker (1 pl 3 yrs AK): HT type, mostly singles, long stems, good substance, some mildew. Miniature Secret but little fragrance.

